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King for a day. Senior, James Coles, is all smiles after being crowned the first ever Homecoming King during halftime of the football game against Dan River. James was elected by the student body to serve in this position celebrating the 25th anniversary of PCHS.

"Hey, I found another one!" Varsity Club members Holly Weber and Wyshona Lawson, along with their Special Olympian buddies, find a patch of lucky four-leaf clovers and hope that the good luck charms will help them during their events in the Special Olympics.

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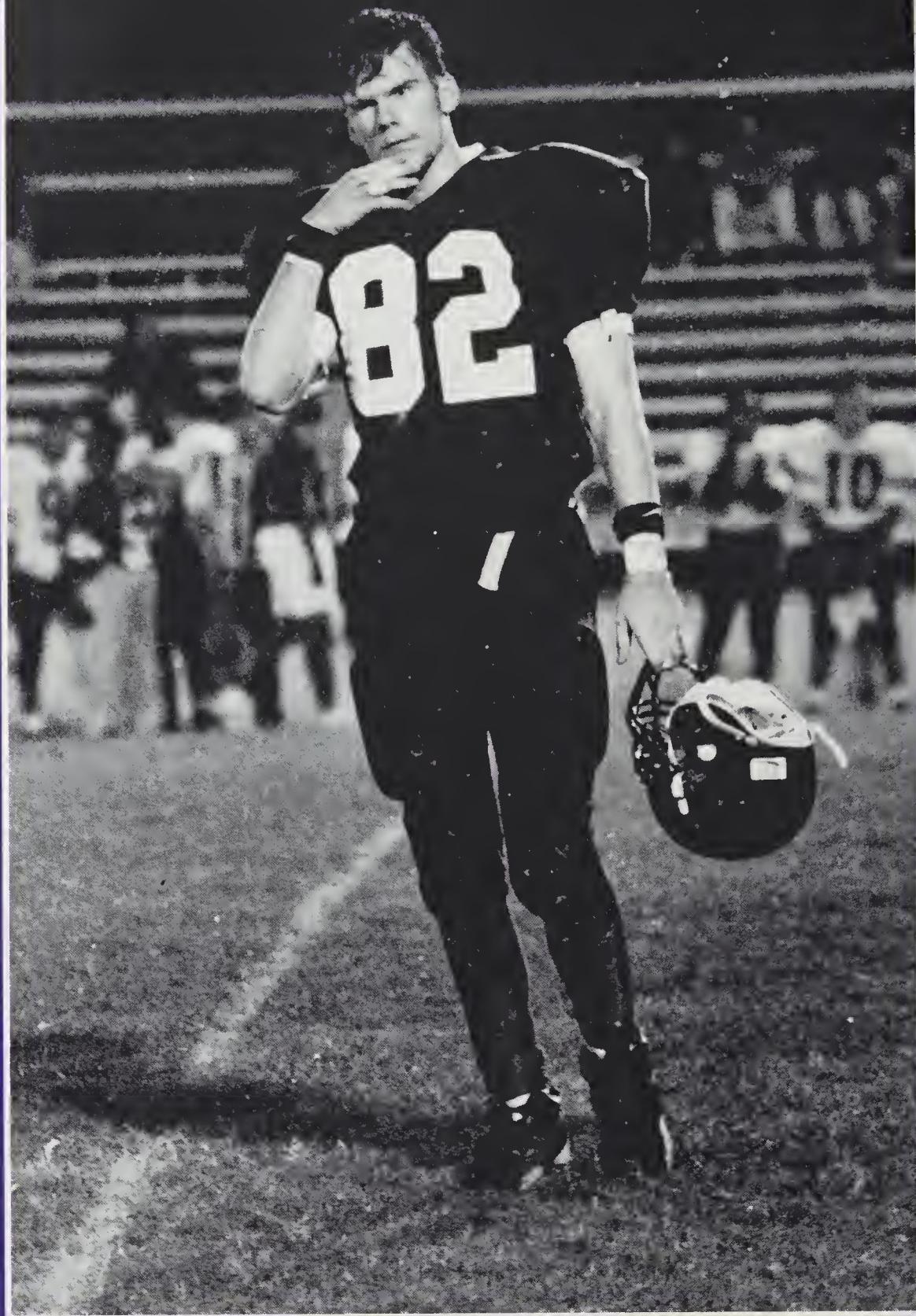
The Thinker. Tightend, Zach Kreager, ponders the next play during a timeout. Football players know it takes concentration to play the game right, otherwise they'll never win. The final score in this game was PCHS 32, Dan River 20. Concentration pays off.



"I fell, but Chad picked me up!" Chad Corns gives James Pappani a piggyback ride down the hall. "Goofing off" is one pastime everyone has in common.

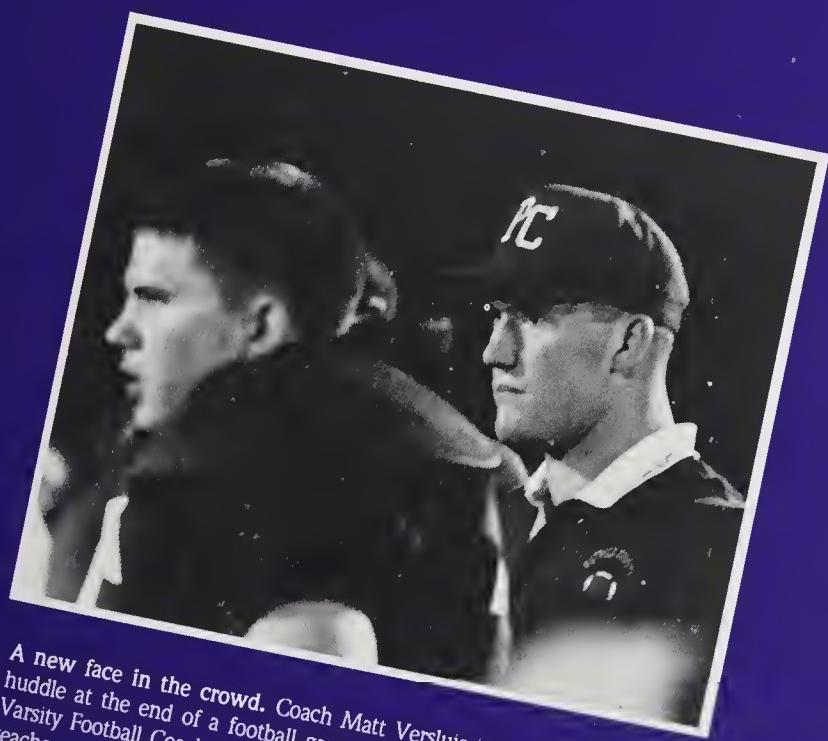


"Hold still." Sophomore, Dana Trent, paints the Mexican flag on a classmate's face in celebration of Foreign Language Week. Some students dressed up in cultural clothing and a few painted their entire face.



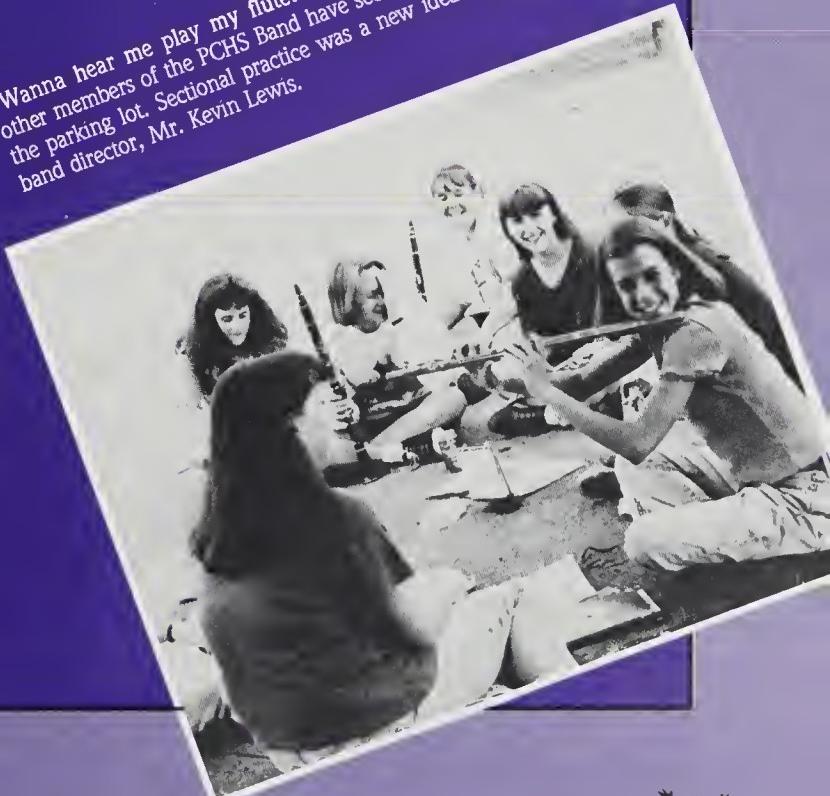
BREAKING THE ICE

Students returned to the 1995-96 school year facing many new challenges. There was a new Assistant Principal in charge of discipline, Mr. Glenn Blackburn, who brought along the "RAP" room, which students hoped they didn't have to visit. Mr. Redden was the new vocational director, and several new teachers graced the classrooms. For the first time in years, the band was under a new director. Students were anxious to see if they would have another winning football season, as they watched the dedication of the field at the first home game. Many obstacles were faced as students "broke the ice" and started another year.



A new face in the crowd. Coach Matt Versluis joins Matt Turner in the huddle at the end of a football game. As well as being the new Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Mr. Versluis was also a first year special education teacher.

"Wanna hear me play my flute?" Anna Clark, Teresa Hutchins, and other members of the PCHS Band have sectional practice after school in the parking lot. Sectional practice was a new idea brought by the new band director, Mr. Kevin Lewis.



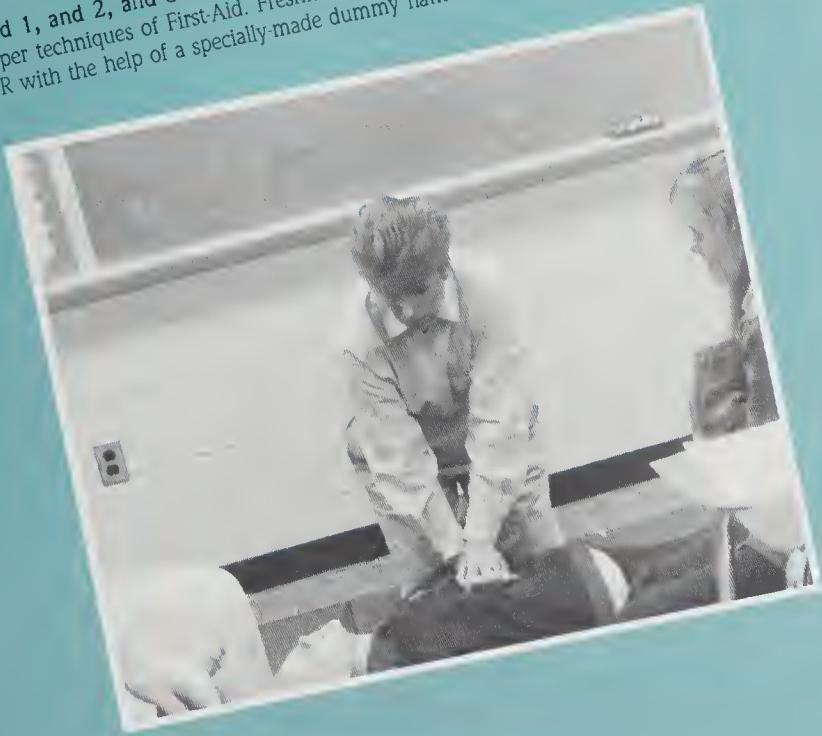


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"And 1, and 2, and 3..." Mrs. Cindy Terry gives a demonstration on the proper techniques of First-Aid. Freshmen learned the "do's" and "don'ts" of CPR with the help of a specially-made dummy named Recessor Annie.



The After School Auditorium Entertainers. Jonathon Lawson, Mitch Sheppard, Ryan Vaughn, and Andrew Sloop decide to make their own music instead of just listening to the radio. These guys practiced for hours after school working to get their songs just right, and often attracted an audience.

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"Are we having fun or what?" Varsity Club member, Stephen Turner, and his new friend take a break from the day's activities and spend some quality time together. Special Olympics was a good opportunity for the athletes of the high school to do something to help others.



Wave your banner high. Stephen Walker walks with the new cougar flag donated by the PCHS Boosters Club. Stephen is known for his unbridled spirit shown in support of the school's athletic teams.



COOL HAPPENINGS



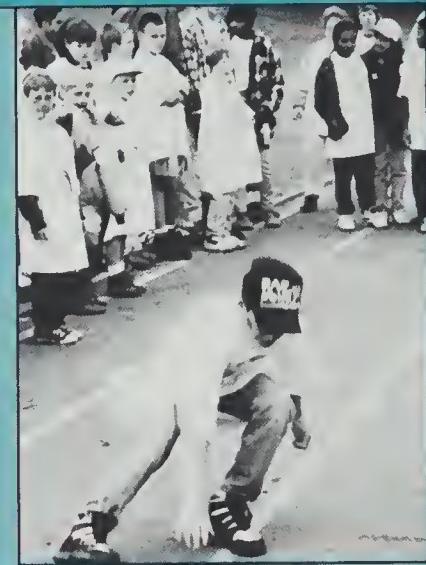
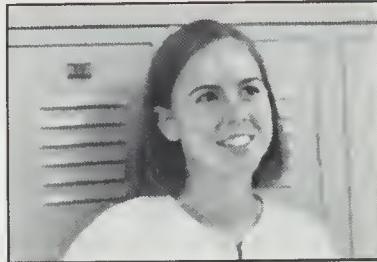
Striking a chord. Drum Major, Sarah Dean, directs the PCHS Band as they perform in the halftime show at Homecoming. The band performed at several competitions during the year and brought home many trophies.

"Left, Right, Left..." Members of the Cougar Battalion present the colors before a Girl's Varsity Basketball game. JROTC cadets were a familiar sight at games.

"That was so cool!" This was the first time ever that students elected a Homecoming King. The football field was dedicated to honor Judge John D. Hooker in a special ceremony. The band went to Florida. Some students got to visit Costa Rica, and several "foreign faces" brightened the hallways. As always, fashions changed, students changed, and new and special memories were made that would last a lifetime.



One step at a time.
This promising athlete shows his competitive spirit as he tries to beat the record time in shuttle run.



Jack of all trades.
Senior Art Club and Varsity Club member Josh Kandies displays his artwork on this eager olympian's arm.

"The way my kids worked hard and did their best in every event made me stop and wonder if I am doing the best I can do"-Dana Nelson





Jumping for the stars.
Varsity Club members Holly Weber and Geneva Hylton eagerly play a game of jump rope with their young olympian.

"Can we take a break now, please?"
Senior Stephen Turner pleads with his energized olympian to take a quick rest before resuming with the day's events.



In the spring, a unique group of athletes came to Patrick County High School to compete in a variety of sports events. These athletes won't make it to Atlanta for the 1996 Summer Games, however, many of their accomplishments were just as impressive as those of world-class athletes.

The Special Olympics, hosted by the Varsity Club, provided a great opportunity for these promising athletes to focus more on personal accomplishments rather than actually winning. Their motto was, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." For these olympians, doing their best was victory enough. Many Varsity Club members were touched and inspired by the spirit and enthusiasm displayed by their athletes. Dana Nelson commented, "The way my kids worked hard and did their best in every event made me stop and wonder if I am doing the best I can do."

These olympians represented a diverse group from across Patrick County. All five elementary schools, as well as PARC workshop, were accounted for. Ath-

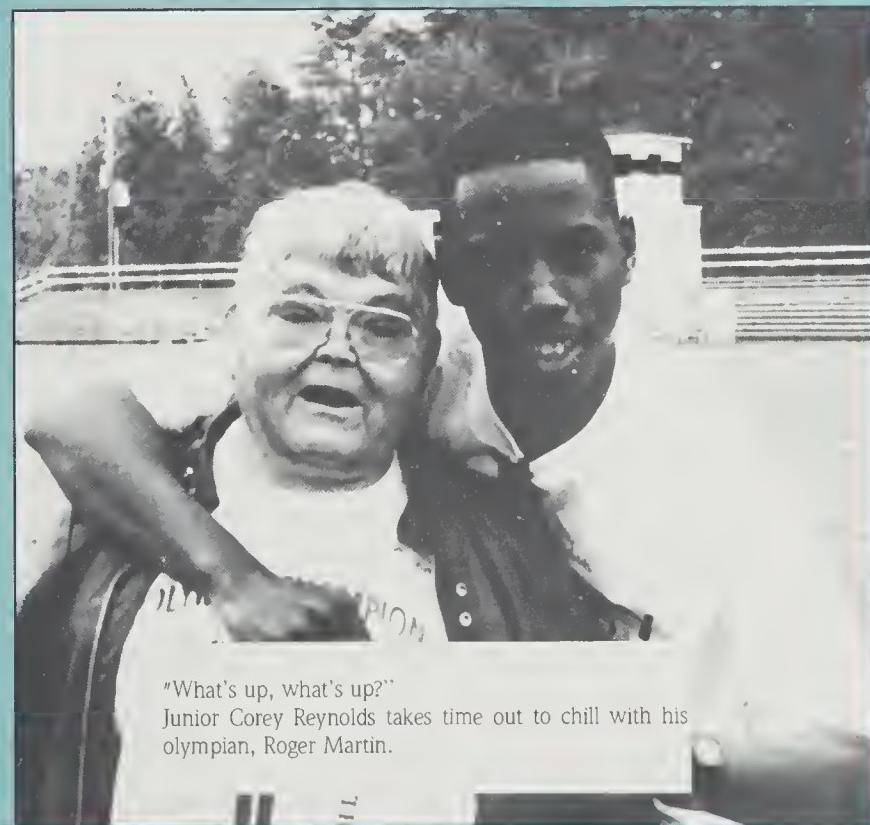
letes participated in events such as the softball throw and frisbee toss, as well as numerous track and field activities. Although these athletes gave 100 percent of their abilities and were winners regardless of the outcome, ribbons and an overall group trophy was given at the awards ceremony as an extra incentive.

At noon, all athletes welcomed the opportunity to rest, refuel, and take a break from the day's activities as they devoured hamburgers and packed lunches.

During the day, many athletes welcomed the opportunity to show spirit and have their faces painted by the ever-patient Art Club members. Olympians held the sky as the limit as the artists created whatever design possible on their anxious faces.

All in all, there was a mutual respect amongst these athletes. Shawn Stanley added, "It was fun leading my Olympian to his 3rd consecutive championship in all events. He is the mac daddy." It is not often that such a diverse group of students unify for one common love: Love of the game.

Overcoming Any Obstacles



"What's up, what's up?"
Junior Corey Reynolds takes time out to chill with his olympian, Roger Martin.

The Welcome Wagon.
Treva Koger, Tarongular Redd, and Amanda Williams eagerly prepare to give prom souvenirs to the attendants.

"Let's get this show on the road." Senior Darren Doss tries to speed up the formalities of registering at the prom.



All I Want Is You

An Affair To Remember



Picture Perfect.
Prom King and Queen Jamie Harbour and Shasta
Moricle smile for their subjects after being
crowned.

On the other end, those awaiting the even were busy putting the last minute touches on their attire for the evening. For many, pre-prom preparation was the most time consuming and worthwhile part of the process. Finding the perfect dress, tuxedo, shoes, and accessories could be fun and stressful. Many girls also went to have their hair, nails, and makeup done.

Obviously the much anticipated even, finally started when one's date picked him/her up most likely to eat before arriving at the main event. After escaping picture happy parents, the couple later arrived at the prom only to sign in and have more souvenirs pictures taken. Guests received either a wine glass for the ladies or a mug for the men, imprinted with the theme 'All I Want Is You.'

The gym enhanced this theme with part of the floor made to look like golden bricks. Perhaps the best attractions were the fountain in the center of the gym and the street lamps around the dance floor. For most, the night simply consisted of being with that special someone, dancing all night, and socializing with friends. At the end of the prom many ladies decided to take the shoes off, along with the men taking their jackets off, to enjoy themselves and be more comfortable.

Caught in a dream.
Stephanie Jessup and Warren Rodgers gaze
into each others eyes as they dance the night
away.



"The prom is a great chance to have a social activity without the underclassmen!"-Josh Kandies&Eydie Smith



Don't strain your back.
In honor of the dedication, Senior Mandy Trent pulls weeds near the PC sign at the football field.

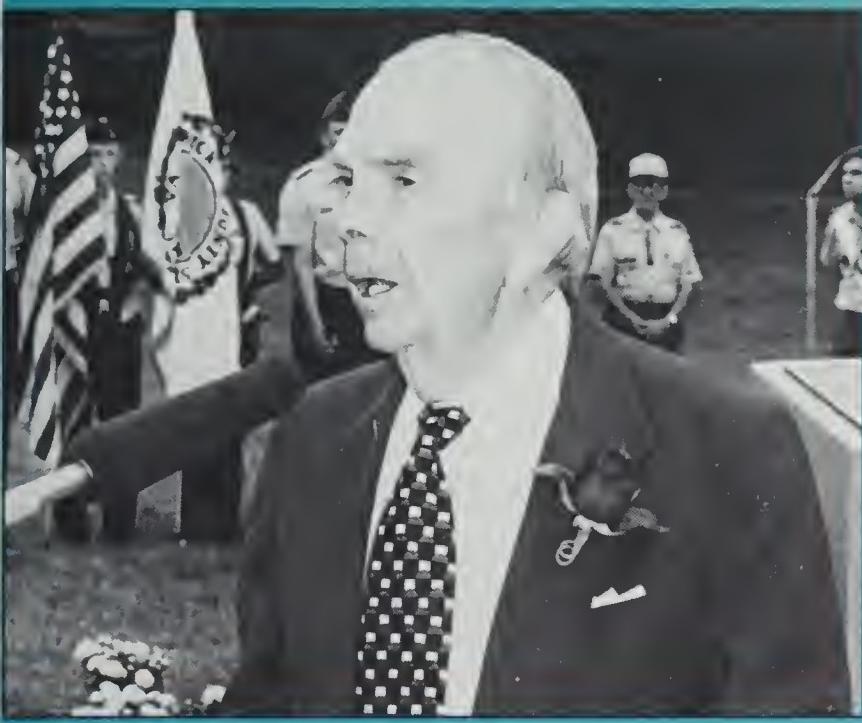


Heirs to the throne.

Son, John D. Hooker, Jr., grandson, Lance Hooker, and son, Murray Hooker, unveil the dedication marker.

"It's commendable that PCHS is giving something back to a man who has given them so much." -Rachel Pendleton





The honorable judge.
Mr. John D. Hooker shares a few closing comments to show his gratitude to PCHS and the community.

Decisions, Decisions.
Patsy Kreager, Judge Hooker, and Cindy Terry discuss ceremony preparation.



On September 15, 1995, Patrick County's stadium was packed, and not just because it was the first game of the season. Many fans gathered before the game to pay tribute to a man who has given so much to the community: Mr. John D. Hooker.

Many weeks of preparation went into the special night. Students were to take part in lining a walkway down the field, a fitting tribute to a man who has supported Patrick County's students and athletes. Judge Hooker contributed greatly throughout the community, but it was his vast contributions to the school itself that made this dedication of Patrick County field in his honor special. Financial aid for the press box and concession stand was given by Hooker, along with support for a field house soon to be added to the facilities. Athletic director Cindy Terry commented, "Judge Hooker is a man who has the utmost respect, honor, and knowledge. He shows a genuine interest in the youth of Patrick County, especially Patrick County High School."

Dedication of Hooker

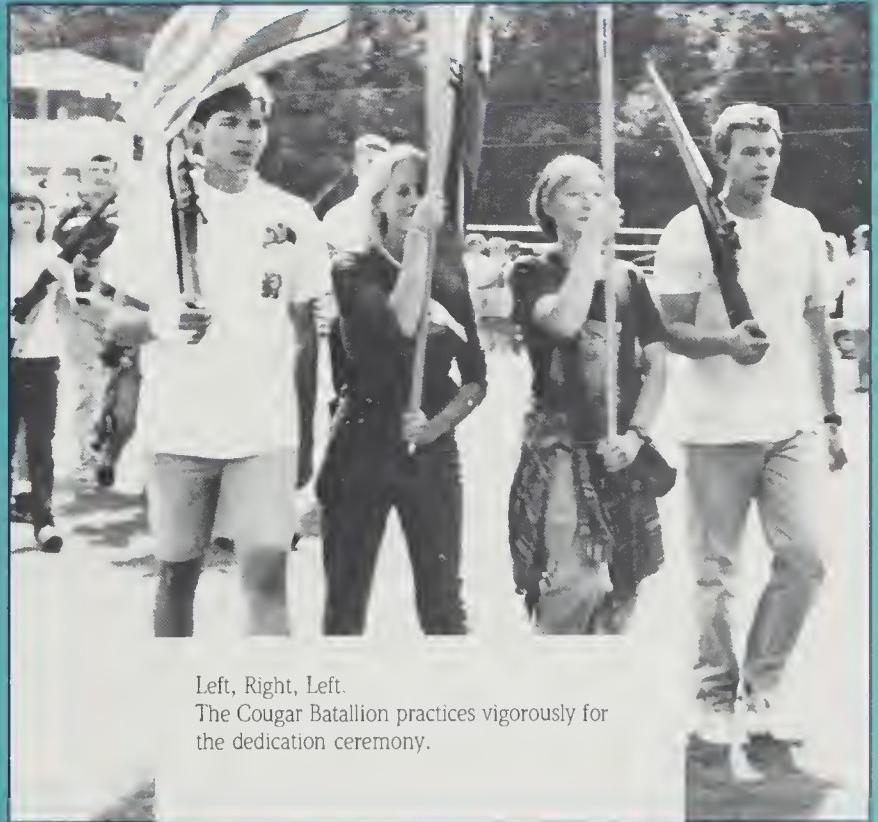
field was a way of PCHS giving back to a man who has given so much to our school, community, and county. This man is a true role model to young people, and he has proven that through dedication and truth one can accomplish any feat.

In his speech, Judge Hooker talked about the community and school allowing his cougar pride to shine through. The retired Circuit Court Judge stated, "It makes me feel very proud, very humble, and I'm very deeply appreciative of it all... I don't know of anything else that I could receive at this stage of my life that I could appreciate more. So my friends, as we travel down the road together, let us all say 'Go Cougars, Go Cougars'!"

After a musical tribute by the band and chorus and a few words by Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Patsy Kreager, a marker was unveiled, presenting the date and the new name of the field. The dedication ended with a small display of fireworks. Fans took time out before cheering on the Cougars on to chat with the Judge and his family at a small reception.

Field of Honors

Marks of Distinction



Left, Right, Left.
The Cougar Battalion practices vigorously for the dedication ceremony.

Wrapping It Up

Subfreshmen (clockwise) Dori Martin, James Kirkpatrick, Heath Jones, and Jon Wood put the finishing touches on a Homecoming wagon.



Method man.

Running back Junior Penn sprints past his opponents for a touchdown in the Cougar's decisive victory over Dan River.



Determination In Our Hearts

Dominance On The Field

Reigning Supremacy.
Homecoming king and queen James Coles and Kandy Marshall show their genuine excitement.



Hard work, high spirits and talented football players seemed to be a winning combination for the Cougars. Under the guidance of SCA, Homecoming week motivated students to show their spirit by holding various contests and activities. Each homeroom was invited to participate in a contest in which they were to create a wagon or banner displaying motivational words or scenes. The wagons and banners were to be judged and displayed later on at the pep rally. (Another project incorporated with Homecoming was a "spirit commercial", in which prominent figures in and around the school were asked to show their school spirit by completing a most unpleasant dare, such as eating sardines.)

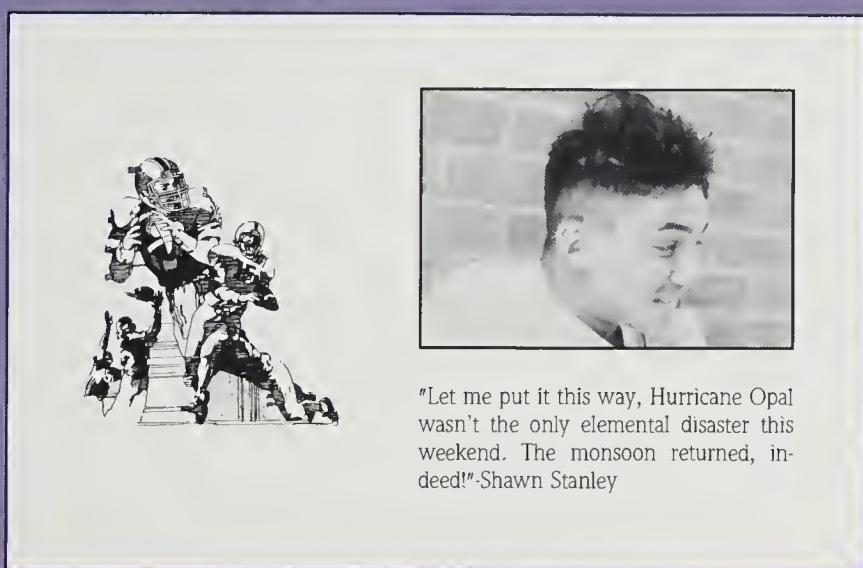
Spirits reached a climax on the big game day as a pep rally was held in honor of this memorable event. The festivities started with a display of banners and wagons as each homeroom representative paraded around the gym. Processing close behind were all the athletes participating in fall sports. Those athletes were later recognized at the pep rally for their achievements. After a few inspirational words by athletic director, Cindy Terry, the winning Varsity football team centered the gym and shouted a motivational group chant, which sent the student body into a spirited frenzy. Spectacular performance by the rhythmic pep band and Varsity football cheerleaders ended the pep rally on an upbeat note, as focus was now concentrated on defeating the Wildcats.

As the Cougars dominated the Wildcats in the first half, excitement reached a new plateau as fans waited in anticipation for the main halftime event — the crowning of the Homecoming queen and king. Two ladies in grades 8-11, and five senior ladies and gentlemen were elected for homecoming court. Mandy Trent, Susan Cummings, Meredith Fix, Kandy Marshall, and Carissa Hughes were the ladies who represented the seniors. Christian Batcheller, James Coles, Stephen Turner, Shawn Stanley, and Stephen Walker were the candidates for the first ever Homecoming king. The Homecoming queen was Kandy Marshall, escorted by James Coles, who reigned as Homecoming king. The award-winning marching Cougars performed an intricate musical routine displaying their precision, intonation, and talent.

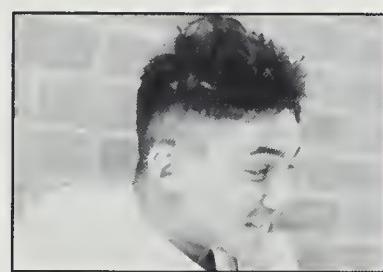
The 25th anniversary of Homecoming proved to be one filled with many of the same traditions and rituals done in the years past, along with some new variations of its own. The Cougars were deemed victorious over Dan River with a score of 32-20, which put everyone in the mood to continue the festivities at a dance held in the cafeteria.

As a milestone was recognized, students reflected the same spirit shown for a quarter of a century by their predecessors. Homecoming was a timeless tradition that showed no matter how drastically things changed, the pride that was felt was shared by current students and alumni as well.

"C'mon guys, where's your spirit?"
Sophomore Andrea Sheppard encourages each class at the pep rally to get up and yell for the "spirit stick."



"Let me put it this way, Hurricane Opal wasn't the only elemental disaster this weekend. The monsoon returned, indeed!"-Shawn Stanley



"Do You Love It?"
Head coach Addison Kendrick shares a few inspirational words with his team after their defeat over the Wildcats.



"Say what?"

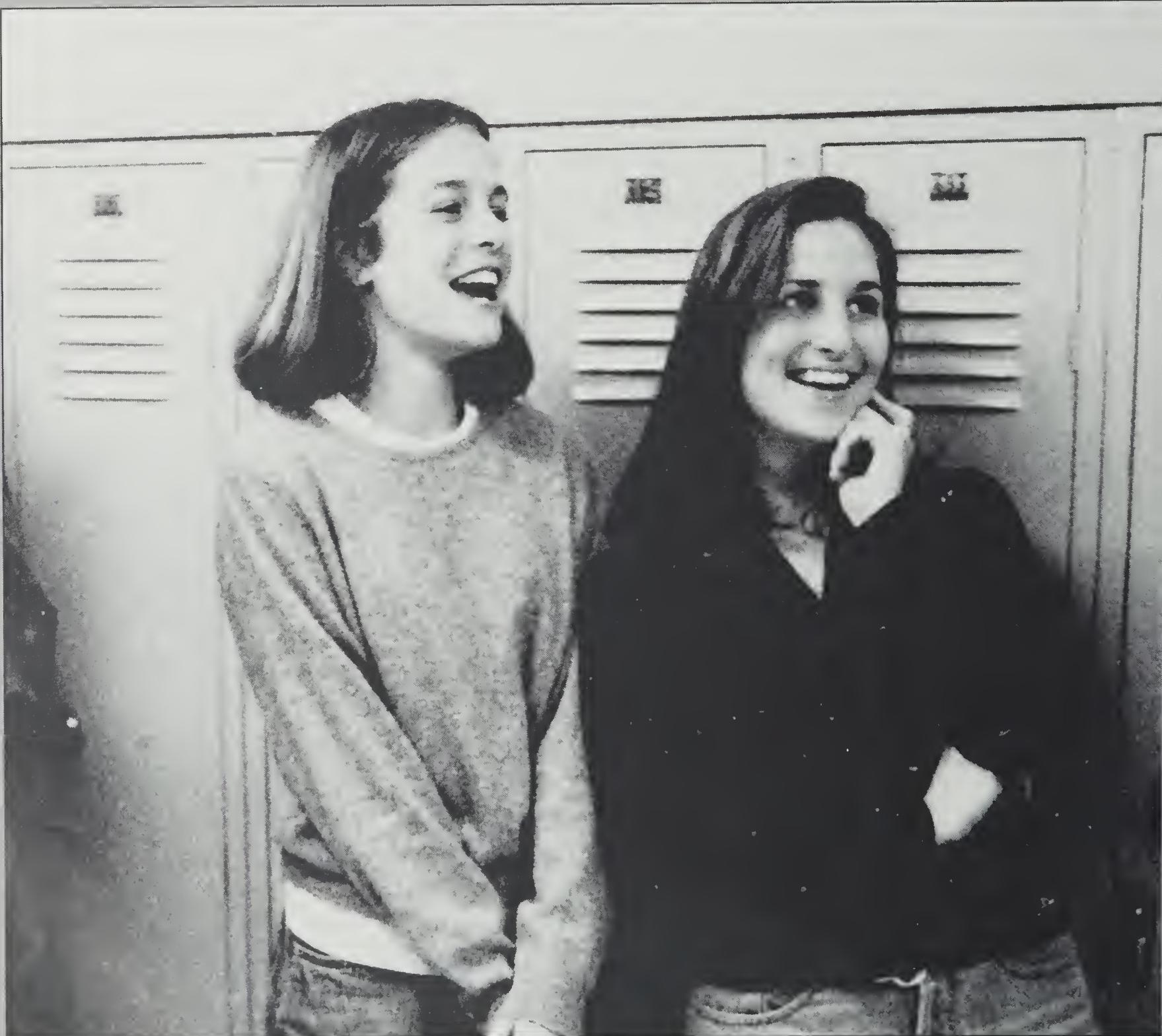
Senior Danielle Clark is relaxed in her baby tee and overalls as she listens to the latest gossip.



"Whatever!"

Sophomore Anna Clark and Senior Susan Cummings laugh adoringly as they model this year's fashions.

"Different styles help people express their individual tastes. If everyone shopped at the same places, the world would be boring!" -Rachel Turner





Kero Kero Keroppi!
Senior Jackie Setliff models her animated bag from Sanrio as she listens carefully to her lab instructions.

Studying in style.
Senior Matt Dunlap and Sophomore D.J. Martin sport their logo baseball caps.



What is in fashion?" seemed to be the ever-present question on students' minds as they made important decisions concerning their attire. For many, fashion was not merely what was in style, but what felt comfortable. For others, fashion was a way to escape the conformity of the school atmosphere by expressing their individuality and creativity. Evan Flin stated, "It makes me feel better when somebody gives me a compliment on my outfit. It may not be as extreme as others, but it's what I like."

This year's fashions ranged from extremely short skirts to worn jeans paired with rugged flannels. Browns, greens, and cinnamon hues proved to be the favorite earthy colors, while many chose bold colors such as red and black to complement their wardrobe. Stripes took top rank in spring and winter to give a nautical look. School life seemed "animated" this year, when several students discovered it was fun, and fashionable, to look younger. Anything sporting the word baby in the title — bracelets, tees, barrettes — proved to be a big hit as well. Other quite interesting accessories newly discovered were the treasures from Sanrio Surprises. Students were found decked out in items decorated with Hello Kitty and her cousin, Keroppi the frog, from school supplies to totes and clothing.

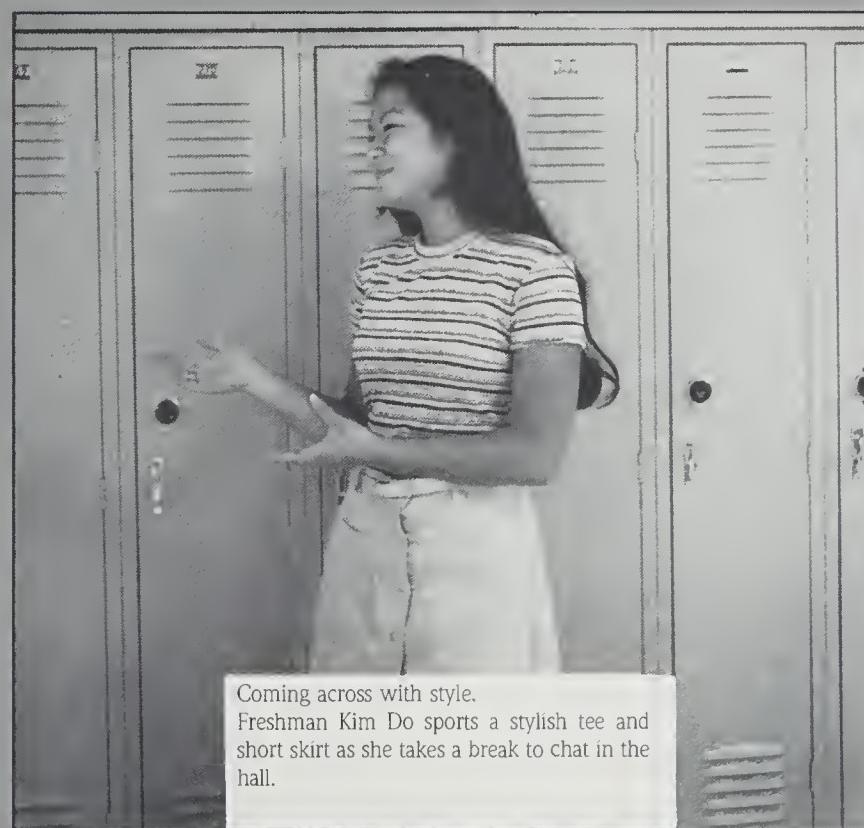
Of course, no outfit could be complete without the shoes. Many females chose chunky platforms and loafers, while others opted for the simplicity of jellies, sandals, or hiking boots. Guys and girls alike were always in style with their tennis shoes, sporting such renovated, popular styles as Nike, Fila, and Adidas. Another important aspect of a wardrobe was hats. From 3 ft. tall Dr. Seuss hats to baseball caps, there was a hat to fit the head of every personality type.

One more quite interesting feature of the "overall" look was hair types. From raven black to cherry-bomb red, the colored collage of hair ordaining some individuals turned out to be an expression of their boldness in many cases. Although the popular hairstyle for the ladies seemed to be about shoulder-length and low-maintenance, one could find just about any hairstyle or cut under the sun when observing the different styles. For the guys, the "barely there", messy look seemed to suffice.

"What was the fashion?" Well, there was actually no correct answer. Basically, whatever got the popular consensus, which was almost anything. What it ultimately came down to was what one felt and looked his/her best in. Whether the style consisted of preppy, grungy, or funky, the key was doing our own thing to create our own personal styles.

Adapting With Style

Dressing for the Times



Coming across with style.
Freshman Kim Do sports a stylish tee and short skirt as she takes a break to chat in the hall.



Present Arms.

JROTC's color guard presents colors at the Veteran's Day assembly.

Thank You.

Cadet Ryan Pilson presents speaker Major General Carol Thackston with a plaque at the Veteran's Day Assembly.



Marching Onward

Preparing for the Future



"Present Arms!" or maybe "Forward, March!" how about "Left, Right, Left, Right, Left." Do these words sound familiar? If students were in JROTC, they'd better. Surprisingly, most students uninvolved with programs had not the vaguest idea as to what it meant, literally. Out of a survey, approximately one out of every five students knew what JROTC stands for, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

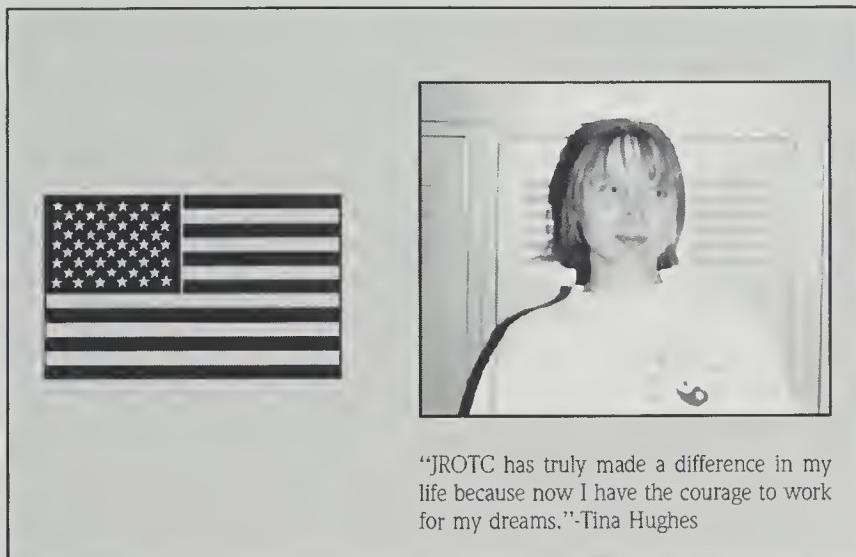
A rather newly established program at PCHS, JROTC taught students various mechanisms, drills, and commands. However, its internal goals were to teach responsibility, leadership, and accuracy. By incorporating these devices, JROTC leaders taught their cadets how to work to attain what they wanted. The harder one worked, the higher his/her rank. JROTC trained those interested in pursuing careers in the armed forces, but its efforts went far beyond. JROTC also played an integral part in the community. Above all, JROTC gave members a sense of pride and determination, as well as invoked confi-

dence. Captains Jennifer Fulp and Shavonda Redd said, "As Lieutenant 3's, we show leadership, responsibility, and accountability for our actions. We show respect, and set the example for Lieutenant 1's and 2's. We also show others how to drill and learn commands." Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Tina Hughes, Battalion Commander, thought it was an honor to be a motivated, patriotic, and responsible cadet in JROTC. She believed that, "Wishing will not bring success, but planning, persistence, and a burning desire will." She further added, "JROTC allows me to take PRIDE in my country. P is for Patriotism, R is for Responsibility, I is for Integrity, D is for Dependability, and E is for Example. JROTC allows me to step up to the challenge. I aspire to become a future leader and JROTC has offered me the education, knowledge, and training to accomplish my goals. JROTC has truly made a difference in my life, because now I have the courage to work for my dreams."

JROTC inspired its cadets to meet challenges through hardwork, self-discipline, and motivation.



forward, March!!
ROTC Rifle team flaunts their accuracy and
precision as they gallantly march across the
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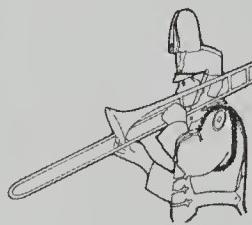
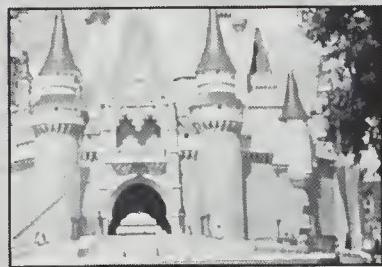


"JROTC has truly made a difference in my life because now I have the courage to work for my dreams." -Tina Hughes

"At Ease."
Cougar Battalion cadets breathe a sigh of relief when their evaluation is completed.



"He's Alive!"
Sophomore Giselle Batcheller shares a brave smile as Frankenstein claims her as his own at Universal studios.



One Shining Moment.
The band shows their "Cougar Pride" as they march in precision through the Tomorrowland parade.

"It was an awesome experience not only playing at Dineyworld, but touring the various theme parks and sites." -Amy Williams





Goof offs.

Band members stop and say "cheese" for the cameras as they pose with the Nickelodeon "cast".

As the tears fall....

Bill Pons directs band members at the spring concert for the final time. This was a touching moment for all.



On March 5 eager band students departed for Orlando, and a genuine excitement filled the air. PCHS band members spent much time and effort practicing for their performance at Disney World.

It was truly an adventure of a lifetime. For many, the thrill of going to Disney World and actually being a part of the festivities was an unforgettable feeling. For others, the mere pleasure of taking a break from school for a few days was a reward in itself. While in Orlando, students toured many areas of attraction. Band members enjoyed a fun-filled rainy day in Epcot Center, where a definite highlight consisted of touring the different "countries" Disney style. Also while in Orlando, the group marched through Universal Studios on a cold March day, but still found time to have fun and converse with such characters as Fred Flintstone, Scooby Doo, and ride several rides. The group even found time to venture to Sea World, where they caught a glimpse of Shamu and even fed the seals. Perhaps the most anticipated event for these members was their involvement in the Tomorrowland Parade. This was where the hard work paid off. The band marched honorably through Tomorrowland, playing "God Bless the U. S. A." They were then rewarded by spending eight more hours at the "happiest place on Earth."

In viewing the bands accomplishments and achievements, one cannot overlook the training behind it. For over 25 years, since PCHS was established, Mr. Bill Pons served as band director. He molded the band program to what it has become. Alicia DeHart said, "Mr. Pons started the band program at PCHS when the school opened. If it wasn't for him, the band would not be where it is today. Mr. Pons is like a second father and a friend. He has added a lot to my life, and I miss him a lot. The spring concert in 1995 was very emotional for everyone, because it was the last time Mr. Pons directed the band."

In fact, Pons has taught an estimated 3-5 thousand students since the band program started in 1970. Although retired from the high school band position, Pons still works as a faculty advisor to the SCA, as well as visits the elementary schools. Pons believed that the students "made it worthwhile because they were always willing to work and sacrifice for the good of the program."

As a milestone passes in PCHS history, let us pay tribute to the man who "created" the PCHS band and perfected it to what it is today. Thank you, Mr. Pons, for giving inspiration not only to band, but to a school and a community.

The Pride of P.C. Visits the Happiest Place on Earth



Striving for the best.

The Cougar marching band entertains many park-goers as their harmony echoes through the park.

Ah, Finally.

The anxious group shares their enthusiasm as they reach the top of the beautiful MonteVerde cloud forest.

The Natives are Restless.

Here a native Costa Rican rides a horse through the beautiful white sands and absorbs the scenic beauty.



Culture Shock

Spanish Students Visit Costa Rica



Picture Perfect.

Here students look down over a colorful Costa Rica town.

On June 12, five spanish students, accompanied by the brave Mrs. Mitchell boarded a plane at the Raleigh Durham airport and began their "take off" to an adventurous time in Costa Rica. Over the smooth plane ride, lucky students with window seats viewed such sights as Miami and Cuba. After landing and going through customs, students checked into their hotel in San Jose, Hotel Vesuvio. Surprisingly enough, students weren't deprived of the "comforts of home" with these facilities. Rachel Pendleton exclaimed, "We had large, clean, well-ventilated rooms with a huge bathroom and hot water. Our room also had a TV and telephone." Most of the day consisted of touring and checking out the local sites. Most of the students said that parts of the country were polluted and trashy; other parts were very clean. While on their excursion, the group toured the National Theatre and the National Museum of Archaeology. Perhaps the most exciting time for these students was their breathtaking adventure to the Monteverde Cloud Forest, where their heads were literally "in the clouds." That morning the group also toured the Paos Volcano National Park, where they saw many different vines, flowers and birds, and enjoyed the lush green mountains. In the afternoon the group took a trip to a Butterfly farm

where they viewed tropical butterflies' life cycles.

The group next ventured to Jaco Beach, with their first trip to the Biological reserve, where they viewed various plants and animals in a jungle-like atmosphere. At the luxurious Jaco Beach hotel, students enjoyed the pool, as well as the beautiful beach surrounding them. Jeff Gore said, "The sand was an amazing grayish white color, but the ocean had a very strong rip tide." Next, the group loaded a bus and drove to Nanuel Antonio, where then they saw such sights as palm trees, rice patties, crocodiles and a refining plant. The students spent their last days in Aljuela, staying with various families. This was very interesting for the most part, because not only did they stay with a Mexican family, but also went to school. Katie Barrows and Rachel Pendleton both agreed, "We did a lot of talking and role playing. We learned new vocabulary. We were glad when 12 o'clock rolled around so we could leave." These students had an experience of a lifetime. They toured, shopped, and feasted on fresh tropical fruit and festive dishes such as cansada, rice, and chicken or beef with vegetables. They enhanced their speaking skills by conversing with everyone from their host families to Argentinian nuns. A "Mui Bien" time was had by all.



peaceful Tranquility.
Here observers enjoy the breathtaking view
and serenity of the mountains.



"Our view from the balcony of the Jaco Beach Hotel was spectacular!" -James Fulcher, Matthew Kirpatrick, and Jeff Gore

"Hey, Isn't That the Columbian Coffee Guy?"

Here a native bearing a strong resemblance to Juan Valdez marches through the countryside with his cattle.



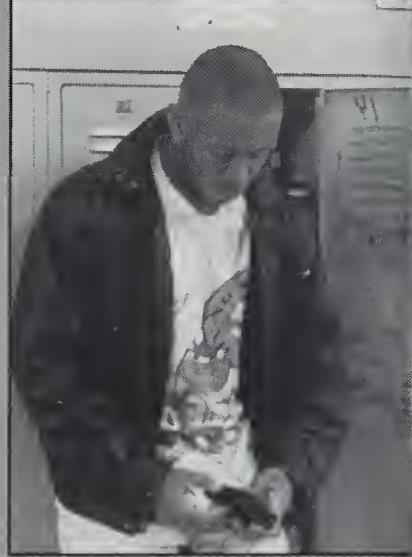
"Huh? I Can't Hear You?"
Junior Penn chills as he listens to "Tha Dog Pound" on his headphones in the hall.



"For Real?"

Sophomores Adrienne Hill and Crystal Pilson discuss the latest movies playing in Martinsville.

"Reading allows me to broaden my interests and educate myself at the same time." -April Rotenberry





Microphone Check.

Sarah Dean cranks up the volume as she deejays for RA Radio, a local radio station spotlighting alternative music.

"I Can't Take It Anymore!"

Junior Rachel Turner turns on the television only to see the highly publicized trial of O.J. Simpson.



TOP TEN MOVIES AT THE BOX OFFICE IN SEPTEMBER:

1. Seven
2. Assassins
3. Dead Presidents
4. To Die For
5. How To Make An American Quilt
6. The Big Green
7. Devil In A Blue Dress
8. Halloween 6
9. To Wong Foo
10. Showgirls

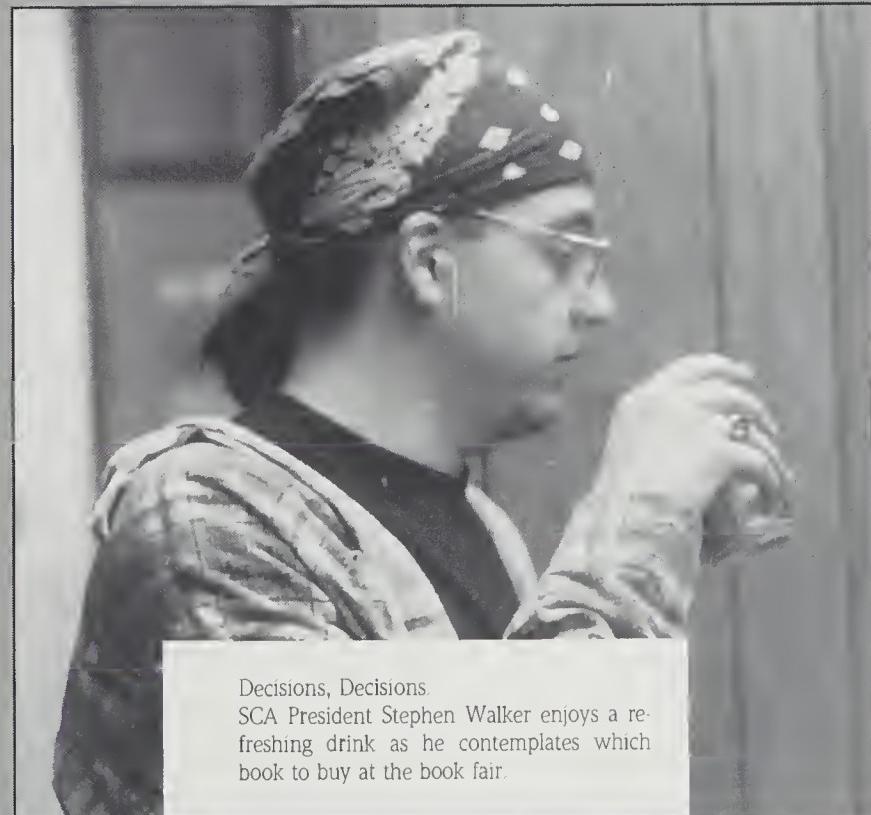
Feeling confused? Maybe students needed to read *The Lost World* by Michael Crichton. Feeling liberated? Check out *My American Journey* by Colin Powell. What if students missed the popular movie "Dangerous Minds"? They could have checked out the equally popular paperback? And if they felt like dancing, maybe *Beach Music* by Pat Conroy was more the style.

Maybe movies were more the style. If waiting for something funny, "Billy Madison" and "Dumb and Dumber" would work. Or if you were feeling more on the serious side, "Outbreak," "Just Cause," and "The Quick and the Dead" were the top three video rentals in America and would keep students riveting in suspense. Maybe you were a hopeless romantic, "Circle of Friends" was a good suggestion. Among the popular television shows this fall season were "Party of Five" and "Friends." D.J. Patterson enjoyed, "Dateline," while Carissa Hughes favorite was "Melrose Place." Rachel Turner liked "ER" much to Christy Buckland's disapproval. Mr. Henderson enjoyed the "X-Files," while "New York Undercover" was more Amanda L. Adkins style.

No matter what students' taste, there was always something on the book shelf, at the box office, or on TV to tickle their fancy.

Fabulous Favs

Popular Movies, Books, and Shows



Decisions, Decisions.

SCA President Stephen Walker enjoys a refreshing drink as he contemplates which book to buy at the book fair.



"Come On In, The Water's Great!"
P.C. hosts welcome their LABO exchange
students with a pool party.

"Excuse Me, But Haven't We Met?"
Hazuki is introduced to the "Big Chicken" at
the grand opening of Hardee's this summer.



LABO Students

Add A Taste of Culture



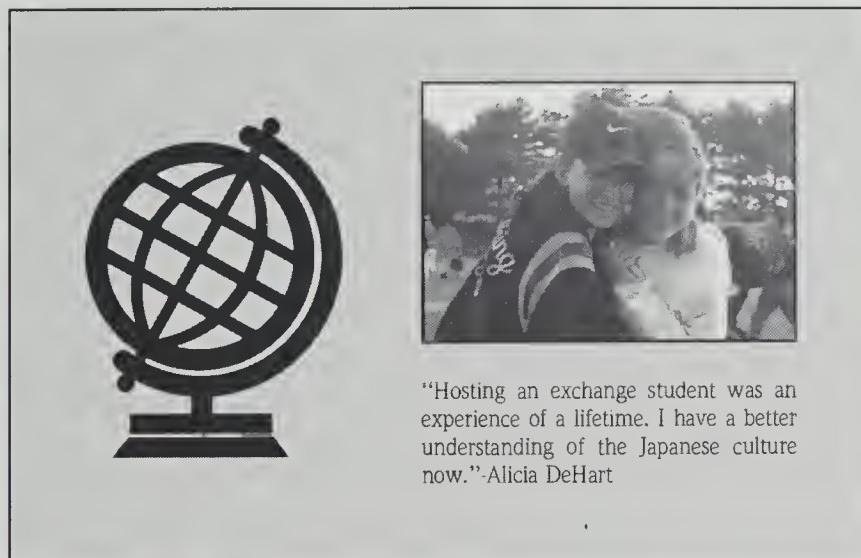
"Now This Is Patrick County!"
Hazuki gets her first try behind the wheel of a
high-powered tractor at Hurricane Ridge Dairy
Farm.

This summer, four Japanese exchange students came to stay with host families over a course of a month. Sponsored by the LABO program, these four teenagers came to get their first taste of America. In return, these students brought with them many interesting Japanese customs. While visiting Patrick County, each student prepared their American host family an authentic Japanese meal. Although the LABO students were here to have fun and learn about the American culture, they also had responsibilities. The Japanese take their school work very seriously. This was reflected by the students — all had homework and journals to keep daily. Among the P.C. students serving as hosts were Alicia DeHart, Melissa Vaught, Beverly Beasley, and James Kirkpatrick. The hosts welcomed their guests to America with a pool party at DeHart Park. While staying in Patrick County, LABO students spent a very fun-filled time. Hazuki, Alicia DeHart's exchange student, went to band camp, while Masaki, another exchange student, swam with the swim team. One day, all LABO students and their hosts ventured to Carowinds. This was the highlight for most of the students, because it allowed them to interact with many Americans, as

well as ride the American attractions. The students also visited various places on their own. Alicia DeHart took her exchange student on rather interesting excursions, allowing Hazuki to do things and visit places that she could not regularly see or experience in Japan. They visited Alicia's grandparents' farm on the mountain, where Hazuki saw and petted cows and other farm animals. The two also went to Wood Brothers racing garage, where Hazuki had the opportunity to sit in a race car. Many of the students also liked to go to the public library so they could read American literature. Hosts said, "It was very hard at times to communicate with our LABO students, so we always had English/Japanese dictionaries handy."

All in all, this was a beneficial experience for both the foreign exchange students and their hosts. Both gained a better understanding of the other's culture and lifelong friends were made by all. One particular facet of America enjoyed by the LABO students was the food. It was quite different from traditional Japanese cuisine. Alicia DeHart exclaimed, "Hazuki loved American food, especially Rice Krispy Treats. The down side was she gained 15 pounds during her stay here!"

"Whoa there, Fido!"
Hazuki warmly welcomes her new canine friend.



"Hosting an exchange student was an experience of a lifetime. I have a better understanding of the Japanese culture now." -Alicia DeHart

Chopsticks and all! LABO exchange student, Hazuki prepares an authentic Japanese meal for her host family.



TLC

This pop-rap trio's hit album "Crazysexycool" hit the charts nearly a year ago and is still going strong.



Boyz II Men

Known for their famous a capella pieces, this melodious group composed of four Philadelphians is a massive success.

"I saw the Dave Matthews band in concert this summer. The energy and talent exhibited by this group is phenomenal!" Eydie Smith





THE BEST SELLING ALBUMS IN SEPTEMBER:

1. Cracked Rear View-Hootie & The Blowfish
2. Dangerous Minds Soundtrack
3. Jagged Little Pill-Alanis Morissette
4. One Hot Minute-Red Hot Chili Peppers
5. Crazysexycool-TLC
6. E. 1999 Eternal-Bone Thugs-N-Harmony
7. The Woman In Me-Shania Twain
8. The Show Soundtrack
9. Frogstomp-Silverchair
10. Circus-Lenny Kravitz

Ahh, home at last! It seemed like the school day would never end. Time to kick back, relax, and turn the music on or up. If it was a slow song, it would make you cry. If it was fast, you found yourself rejuvenated with a new found energy as you danced around the house. The power of the air waves was an extraordinary phenomenon. Music was one of the most influential, inspirational concepts accepted universally. With styles from gospel to pop, country to rap, or classical to rock, music was available for any taste.

Two popular types of music enjoyed by the teenage generation were surprisingly the most contrasting. The first is along the rap/rhythm and blues line. This soulful and fastpaced style contained lyrics illustrating hardships. Among the popular artists in September were Coolio, Shaggy, Monica, and Bone Thugs-N-Harmony. The second style consisted of rock or alternative music, housing such artists as Silverchair, Lenny Kravitz, Nirvana, and Hootie and the Blowfish.

Of course, musical preference depended on the individual. Josh Hopkins commented, "Listening to more than one style of music helps one learn about different cultures. People who just stick to one kind are robbing themselves of a learning experience. Who else do you know that listens to Queen, Boyz II Men, Hootie, and Alice in Chains in the same day?"

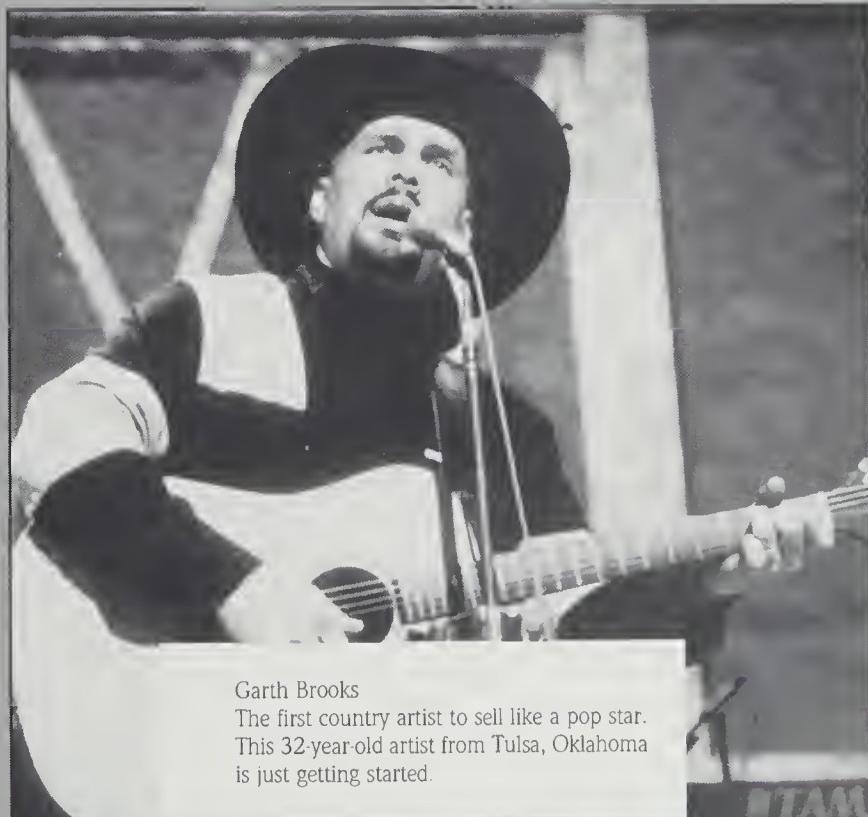
Hootie and the Blowfish
This S.C. band can move from harmonizing to country rock, from blues to thick as molasses southern rock.

Blues Traveler
This down home band adds a spicy combo of rock and roll, hard line country music, and western bluegrass music.



Inspiring Us All

The Impact of Music



Garth Brooks
The first country artist to sell like a pop star.
This 32-year-old artist from Tulsa, Oklahoma
is just getting started.

The Ongoing Struggle.
Bosnian refugees show their despair as they mourn for a country torn apart by war.

The Cold Winds Blow.
The Atlantic region's hurricane season was so active this year it produced the most named storms in history.



Pressing Issues, Trying Times



World events gripped us daily as students struggled to understand conflicts around us. To gain a better insight of these problems, students had to understand the source of the tension. Many students were sheltered to the world's indifferences. How many people knew that Yitzhak Rabin died, or even what he stood for? What about the closing down of our government at midnight on November 13 due to bankruptcy? For the first time in U.S. history the American Government defaulted its debts. Many times it was hard to grip the complexity of political or social issues.

After a series of race riots in Los Angeles, Newark and Detroit, a commitment began to use race-based programs to improve the lives of blacks, called affirmative action. But in 1995, Affirmative Action plans weakened. The Supreme Court issued decisions making it harder to justify giving minorities and women preferences in the awarding of federal contracts; and the Clinton Administration re-evaluated federal affirmative action programs.

After months of tedious negotiations, last-minute crises, and walkouts, Israel and the Palestinians concluded to a major agreement that transferred control by much of the occupied West Bank to its Arab residents. Palestine Liberation Organization Leader Yasser Arafat and the Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin collaborated on engineering a peace agreement. Arafat said the document spelled out in detail, step by step, the withdrawal of Israeli forces from much of the territory Israel has occupied.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin held on to a shaky first term. Yeltsin gave no early indication whether or not he would run for a second term. However, some observers said his health might prevent it. Yeltsin was hospitalized with heart troubles.

The civil war in former Yugoslavia continued as the school year began. After the destructive wars of Yugoslavia began, there was still no peace among the Croats, Serbs, and Muslims. More than 3 million people lost their homes, 200,000 were killed, and thousands had become refugees. There remained a bitterness throughout former Yugoslavia as NATO continued its attempt to bring peace to the Balkans.



Uncertain Terms.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin puts on a brave face as he waves majestically to his country.



"The assassination of Yitzhak Rabin was truly unnecessary. It was a brainless and futile plot." -Jon Hutchens

A Ray of Hope.
Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat shares words of encouragement and peace to his nation.





Only a little farther. Katie Barrow makes good time as she sprints up the hill. Katie ran track and cross country for PCHS which kept her in shape year round.



Taking a breather. Cougar wide receiver, Ray Hylton, catches his breath during a timeout. Ray was one of five football players named to the All-District team. Others included Christian Batcheller, Zach Kreager, Corey Thomas, and Stephen Turner.





ing to the line. Janna Foley takes advantage of getting fouled and makes an easy shot at the Lady Cougars home game against Chatham.

"Andre Agassi, eat my dust." Freshman, Brian Cornett, pounds the ball across the court. Brian, still young, has many years ahead of him to improve his skills.

LEAVE 'EM SHIVERING

PCHS's athletic teams were definitely a force to be reckoned with in 1996. Team members made their presence known in every event, game, match, and meet. Some teams had their best records in years and many were at the top of their field. Old records were broken and new ones were set. We iced the competition and "left 'em shivering."



Double Play

From glove to glove

"We had a very successful year finishing second in the Piedmont District behind Chatham. As a whole our success came through playing as a team rather than through individuals," commented JV Baseball Coach Phillip Steagall.

A new coach to the Cougar baseball program, Coach Steagall's practices mainly focused on the basic fundamentals of offense and defense. Coach Steagall stated that the practice of these skills every day "makes players

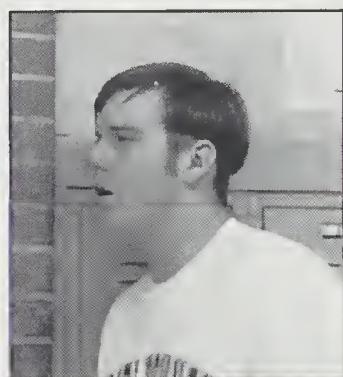
feel more at ease during a game." Coach Steagall's goals for the season were to win the Piedmont and at least win 85% of the games. They did attain their goal of winning 85% of the games, but unfortunately did not win the Piedmont District.

The JV Cougars started their season off with a victory over Carroll County by a score of 4-3. They went on to win their next six games against Martinsville 10-1, Bassett 5-0, Fieldale-Collinsville 16-4, Magna Vista 4-1, Dan River 10-3, and Laurel Park 10-2. The Cougars suffered their first defeat at the hands of Chatham 0-7. Patrick County, however, bounced back to beat Bassett for the second time 3-1. The Cougars then took on Tunstall losing 0-10. Patrick County went on to win two in a row against Gretna 2-1

and Fieldale-Collinsville 9-4. The Cougars suffered a tough loss to Magna Vista with a close score of 7-8. The Cougars finished off the rest of their regular season defeating Martinsville 8-2 and Laurel Park 9-4.

Coach Steagall felt that defense made this team stand out from those in the past. The JV Cougars only averaged just a little over one error a game compared to their opponents. Pitching also was a key to the success of the team averaging 6.5 strikeouts each game. The Cougars finished the season with a strong 12-3 record.

Coach Steagall ended by saying, "The highlight of the season was seeing 15 individuals come together to work for one goal and excel to learn all that they could about the game of baseball."



"I think it was a great year because we all played as a team, we won some very important games, and all in all we had a great time."

Sean Kreager



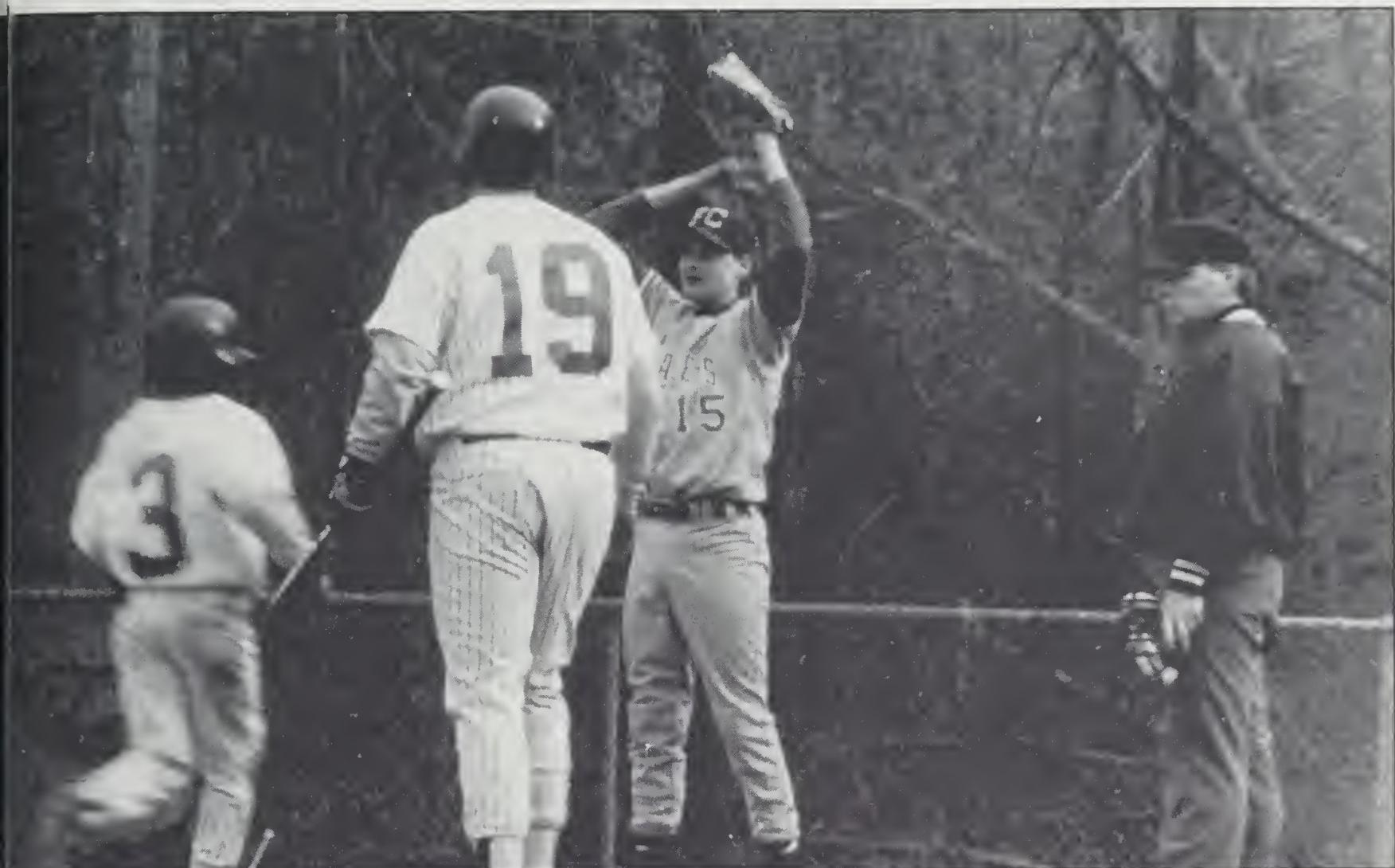
Front Row - D. J. Martin, Joey Erichetti, Brad Cassady, Wes Martin, Shawn Jones, Carter Deekens, Travis Nowlin, Jon Fain, Cliff East.
Back Row - Coach Phillip Steagall,

Jon Fain, Chad Corns, Sean Kreager, Joey Gunter, Wes East, Jeff Gore, Coach Glenn Blackburn



Score	Opponent
4-3	Carroll County
10-1	Martinsville
5-0	Bassett
16-4	Fieldale-Collinsville
4-1	Magna Vista
10-3	Dan River
10-2	Laurel Park
0-7	Chatham
3-1	Bassett
0-10	Tunstall
2-1	Gretna
9-4	Fieldale-Collinsville
7-8	Magna Vista
8-2	Martinsville
9-4	Laurel Park





Rack it up Wes Martin looks back to see how much time he had to spare after crossing home plate and putting another Cougar run on the score board. Speed is an important part of running the bases in baseball.

With time to spare Joey Gunter watches as teammate Travis Nowlin safely crosses home plate for yet another run for the JV Cougars. Joey proved to be very important for the JV Cougars offense all season.



On the ball Travis Nowlin hustles to first base after crushing the ball just over the heads of the infield. Travis proved to be one of the JV's

most promising players for the future.





Saaaafe Jason Pfunter takes a breath of relief while the umpire calls him safe at third. Pfunter's quick speed and good reflexes proved to be helpful throughout the season.

No need to hurry Curt Rorrer trots into home plate with enthusiasm as he racks up yet another Cougar run. Curt, one of the few seniors on the team, has played baseball all his life.



Going up Darrin Doss pops up after sliding into second base. Being a pitcher and an outfielder, Darrin did

double duty for the Cougars proving to be an asset to the team.



Hitting On

Taking control of the ball

"We improved from a 10-10 record my first season as a head coach to a 13-6 record and finished third in the Piedmont District," stated Varsity Baseball Coach David Clement.

The players were "more focused" commented Clement. The goals of the Varsity Baseball team were to compete for the district title and to go on to compete at regionals. They finished third in the district and lost in the second round of the district playoffs.

The Cougars began their season successfully by defeating district rival Martinsville 9-5. The team then took on Gretna where they won by a large margin, 13-2. The Cougars suffered their first loss of the season to Fieldale-Collinsville with a score of 2-3. After coming off this loss, Patrick County proceeded to win their next six games to end the first half of the season. They beat Magna Vista 4-3, Dan

River 10-1, Laurel Park 12-0, Chatham 4-3, Bassett 8-1, and Tunstall 3-2. Patrick won their first two games of the second half of the season overcoming Martinsville 6-2 and Gretna 10-7. They went from there to lose for the second time to Fieldale-Collinsville 3-10, and then suffered a loss against Magna Vista 1-7. The Cougars bounced back from the previous losses to beat Dan River 13-4 and Laurel Park 5-1. However, their next adversary, Chatham, was ready for the Cougars after being beaten by Patrick County during their first confrontation. The Cougars lost by a score of 1-4. Next for PC was an easy win over Bassett 11-4. The Cougars lost their remaining two regular season games to Tunstall 2-7 and Martinsville 2-8. Patrick County lost in the second round of the Piedmont District Tournament.

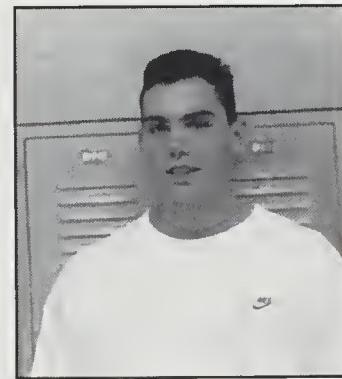
"We hope to compete with the top teams in our district

Zach Kreager, Brad Wood, Kevin Mabe, Christian Batcheller, Phillip Linster, Nathan Pettway, Coach Brian Turman.

Front Row - Scott Ragsdale, Jon Helms, Jon Fain, Doug Martin, Curt Rorrer, Mitch Sheppard, Jasen Pfuntner, Todd Keith. Back Row - Coach David Clement, Darren Doss,

next year," stated Coach Clement. The Cougars highlight of the season was beating the defending state champions, Tunstall. The Varsity Cougars Baseball team finished this season with a 13-6 record.

"The kids in our baseball program do a great job. Each team is different, but they have all done well in representing Patrick County High School. They did a super job for most of the season," ended Coach Clement.



"I thought we worked hard enough to win districts last year, but we just didn't get it done. Everyone has high expectations for themselves and the team this coming year."

Jon Helms



Score	Opponent
9-5	Martinsville
13-2	Gretna
2-3	Fieldale-Collinsville
4-3	Magna Vista
10-1	Dan River
12-0	Laurel Park
4-3	Chatam
8-1	Bassett
3-2	Tunstall
6-2	Martinsville
10-7	Gretna
3-10	Fieldale-Collinsville
1-7	Magna Vista
13-4	Dan River
5-1	Laurel Park
1-4	Chatam
11-4	Bassett
2-7	Tunstall
2-8	Martinsville



Hard Ball

Not Looking So Soft

"This season was a success. We improved from day to day and from game to game," commented new Girl's Softball Coach Ricky Vernon.

The Cougar softball team wanted to be competitive and to have a winning season. Coach Vernon commented, "We were competitive in each contest, even though our record was not what we wanted due to some injuries. I feel like it was a good season."

The Lady Cougars began their season with a close victory over Chatham 6-5.



"The season went along very smoothly. The team had a new coach and we all had a lot of fun. I can't wait until next year when we will have experience on our side."

Summer East

They then lost their next two games to Gretna 4-11 and Laurel Park 8-15. Next for the Lady Cougars was Martinsville who they slaughtered 26-6. The Lady Cougars won their next two defeating Magna Vista 11-6 and Bassett 16-10. Patrick County then suffered a tough loss to Fieldale-Collinsville by a score of 1-2. Tunstall then overcame the Lady Cougars 6-9, as well as Gretna 5-8, and Laurel Park 16-17. The Lady Cougars then picked back up winning their next two against Dan River 13-10 and Martinsville 17-9. Patrick County then lost a close one to Magna Vista 8-11. Chatham was up next and the Lady Cougars picked up another win by defeating them by a score of 15-11, and then defeated Fieldale-Collinsville 9-1. The Lady Cougars lost their next three to Tunstall 0-11, Bassett 5-9, and Dan River 7-13 ending the regular season. The Lady Cou-

gars won their first Piedmont District Tournament game defeating Martinsville for the third time 10-7, but then losing in the second round to Fieldale-Collinsville by a score of 4-7.

Improvement of the team and individuals was described as "100% improvement" by Coach Vernon. The team's highlight of the season came against the second meeting of Fieldale-Collinsville where the Cougars defeated the Cavaliers at home 9-3 after they had lost 2-1 in their first confrontation. The Cougars finished with an 8-10 regular season record with a 9-11 overall record.

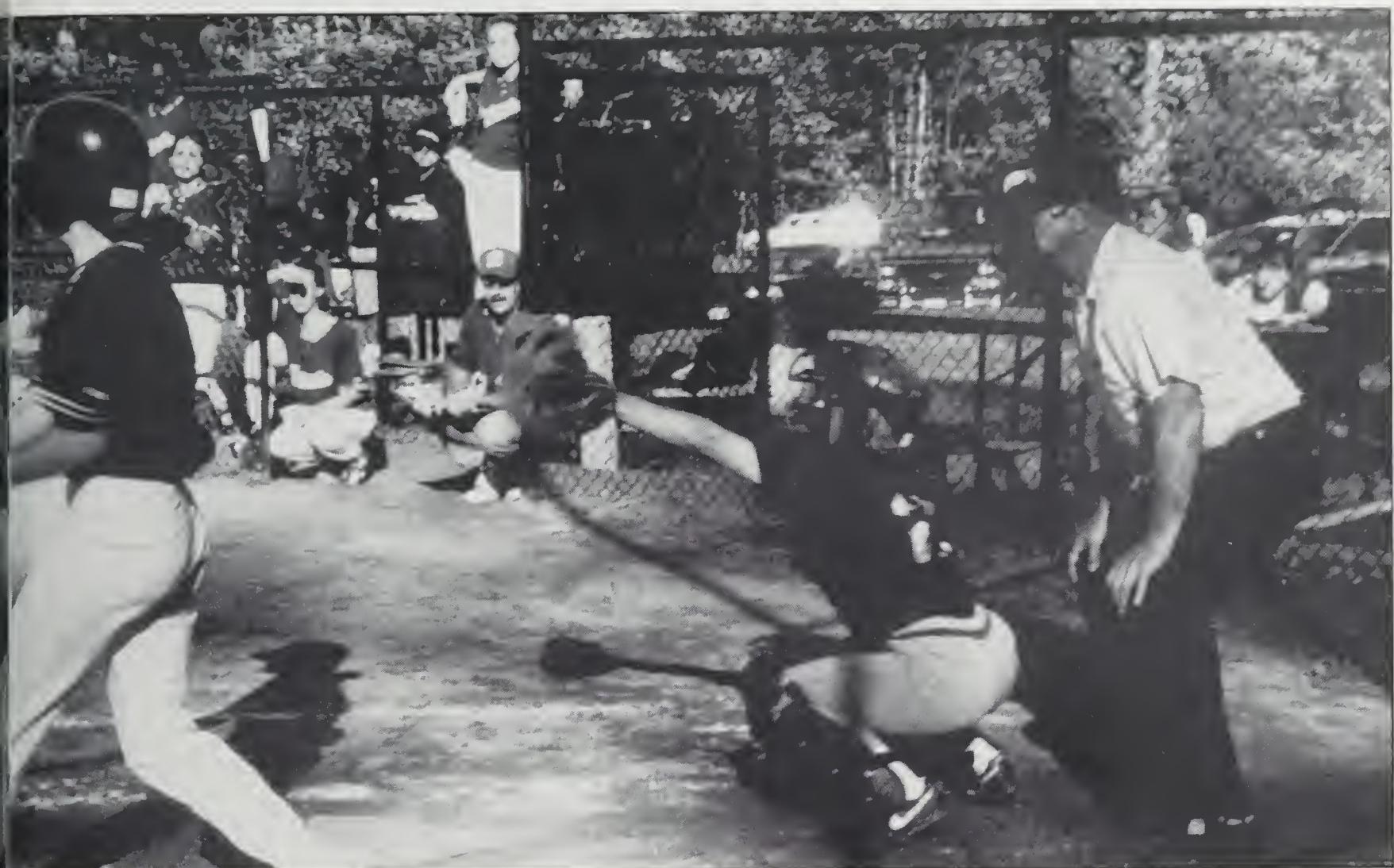
"This was my first year as a coach, but the girls had excellent attitudes and worked extremely hard every day, which helped me greatly. I am looking forward to another great year," summed up Coach Vernon about the Lady Cougars season.

Dana Nelson, Becky Leeper, Summer East, Holly Terry, Christie Gray, Amy Nelson, Coach Ricky Vernon.

Front Row - Samantha Hall, Rochelle Hatcher, Lisa Holt, Wendy Massey, Allison Slate, Melissa Hall, Ashly Shelton, Amy Boyd, Angela Hamm, Candice Puckett. Back Row - Coach Crystal Coffey, Jackie Setliff,



Score	Opponent
6-5	Chatham
4-11	Gretna
8-15	Laurel Park
26-6	Martinsville
11-6	Magna Vista
16-10	Bassett
1-2	Fieldale-Collinsville
6-9	Tunstall
5-8	Gretna
16-17	Laurel Park
13-10	Dan River
17-9	Martinsville
8-11	Magna Vista
15-11	Chatham
9-1	Fieldale-Collinsville
0-11	Tunstall
5-9	Bassett
9-13	Dan River



One down, two to go Wendy Massey finds the fly ball easy to see right into her glove. Wendy was successful at shortstop throughout the season.

No batter Catching the ball after the opposing batter misses on a strike three, Allison Slate has time to waste as she waits for the next victim to come into the batter's box.



See ya Jackie Setliff smashes the ball hoping to get to first base without a worry, which throughout the

season didn't seem to be a problem for her.





Just skipping along Daniell Clark glides along in the triple jump for the girls track team. Daniell, a junior, is an experienced track team member and will be back to compete for the Cougars again next year.

Eat my dust Matthew Kirkpatrick looks on with anticipation to the nearby finish line while he sweeps by a Franklin County runner.



Fly like an eagle Sandy Hines takes a monstrous leap while victoriously competing in the long jump and triple jump. Sandy was one of the

five members on the track team that went to the state meet for the Cougars.





Fast Forward

Warp Speed Captain

"Our girl's team finished in a tie for second in the district meet. We sent 12 kids to regionals and 5 went on to compete at the state tournament," stated Coach Nelson McConnell about his track team.

For the most part the track practices stayed the same as previous seasons. Some of the more experienced members helped teach the new members of the team. There was no set team goal but individual goals were set to do as well as the individual could. Progress that the team made was that they sent five members of the team to state including seniors Matt Bird and Sandy Hines, juniors Aaron Whitwell and Daniell Clark, and the lone sophomore Rachel Pendleton.

Front- Geneva Hylton, Daniell Clark, Megan Hines, Tane Sheppard, April Jackson, Second- Matthew Kirkpatrick, Rhonda McAlexander, Stephanie Cox, Ashly Shelton, Jennifer McKeithan, Sondra Hopkins, Katie Barrow, Deena

Different from teams of the past, the team had many first-year seniors. The team always had a lot of first-year members, but it was unusual to have so many first-year seniors. "There is no telling what could have happened if they had came out earlier," commented Coach McConnell.

The highlight of the season was having 12 members qualify for regionals. Sandy Hines was named "Outstanding Field Event Performer" for winning the long jump and the triple jump at the All-American Relays at Radford. The boy's track team finished eighth at the Piedmont District meet, and the girls finished in a tie for second place.

Coach McConnell

Shough, Laura Hayden, Back- Derrick Spencer, Brian Williams, Art Anthony, Jeremiah Mabe, Scott Niedjela, Aaron Whitwell, Matt Bird, Mike Hazelwood, Sandy Hines.



summed up by saying, "We enjoyed the season. We were fortunate with the weather and not having too many injuries or illnesses. There were a lot of people doing well and learning a lot. Their hard work paid off."



"Last year's track team was wonderful. Sometimes the hard work put a damper on things but the overall effect was great. I really enjoyed it and I can't wait until next season." Stephanie Cox

No regular season scores available.

Piedmont District Tournament:

Boy's Team - 8th place

Girl's Team - Tied for second

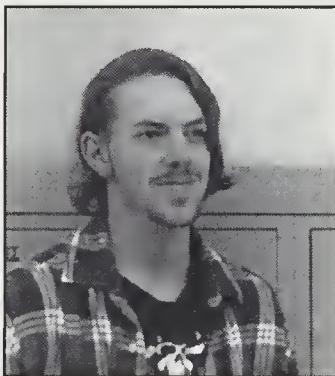
Experience

Working Better Together

"This turned into a great program by the end of our season," stated tennis Coach Mike Weber about their overall season.

A change made in the Cougar tennis program from past seasons was that the team acquired a new head coach in Weber. At the beginning of the season, Coach Weber and the team set their goals for the season. They were to first enjoy the game and the competition, and second to improve as individuals as well as a team.

Weber added, "We lost



"Our district is competitive to be in with such teams as F-C and Martinsville, but we will have all our starters back next year with some new talent. We should do well next season." Josh Hopkins

in some close matches. Next year we need to win the tie breakers."

Progress noted in the team's performance was that the doubles teams worked better as the season went on. There were some members of the team that had never played organized tennis before this year.

"I saw a lot of improvement and dedication," commented Coach Weber.

Patrick County took on Martinsville first where they lost by a close 4-5 score. They then went on to take on defending district champs Fieldale-Collinsville where they lost by a score of 0-9. The Cougars then lost to Bassett 4-5 and Magna Vista 2-7. Starting the second half of the season, the Cougars took on Martinsville where they lost to them a second time 2-7. Patrick County then lost again to Fieldale-Collinsville 0-9. The Cou-

gars picked up their first victory against Bassett defeating them 6-3, but then lost to Magna Vista again 2-7. Patrick then went to districts where they beat Bassett again 5-4 to go on to the second round. Unfortunately, the Cougars lost to Fieldale-Collinsville in the second round ending their season.

The highlight of the season came in their first regular season win against Bassett. Over the summer, several players worked on their game in preparation for the next season. The Cougars only lost one senior, and these members were returning: Josh Hopkins, Ryan Vaughn, Jon Hutchens, Josh Handy, Ethan Weber, Brian Kornett, and Jeff Stowe.

Coach Weber ended by saying, "We will have all of our starters back for next season and should do very well in the Piedmont District."

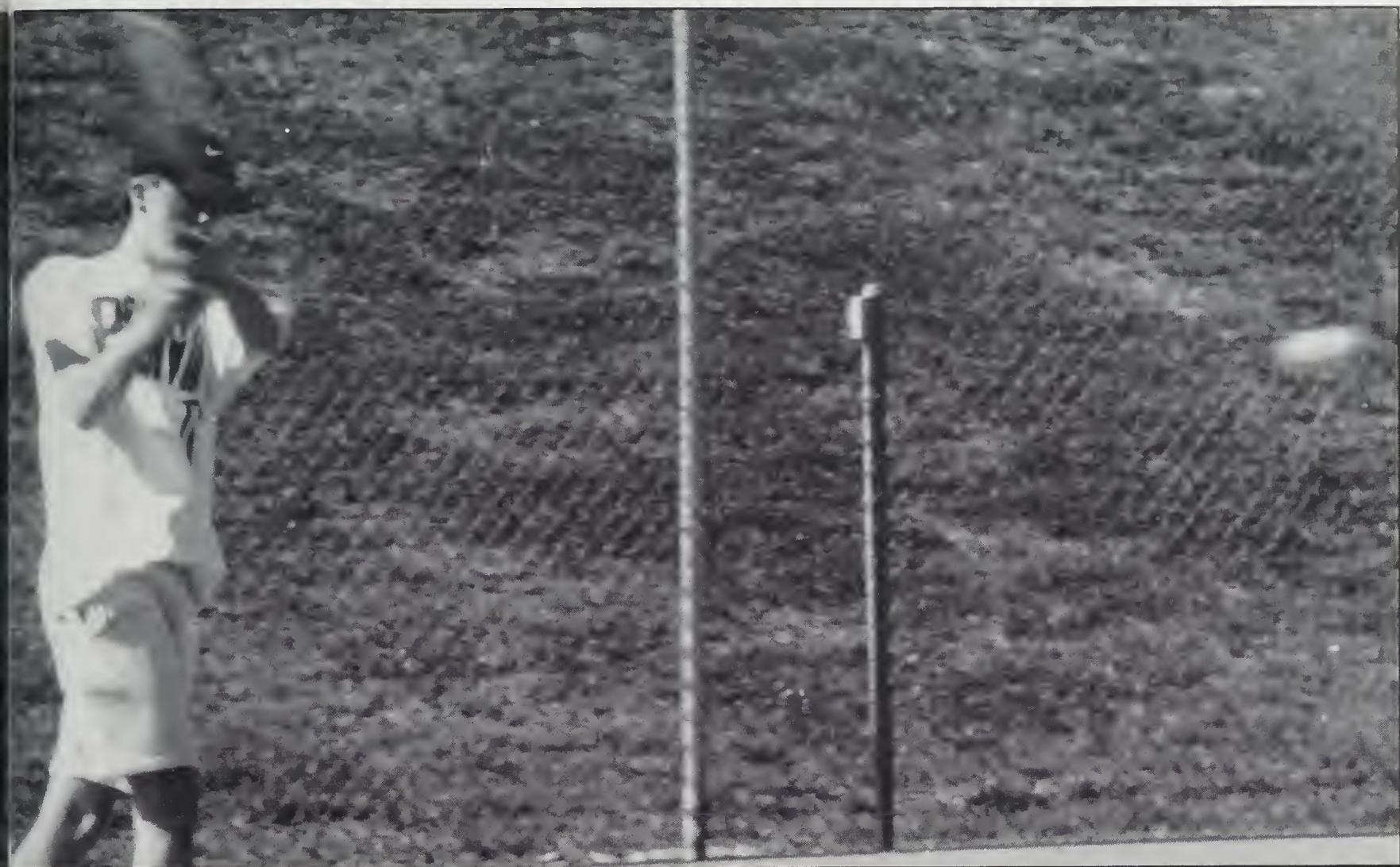
Front Row - Gail Stone, Evan Loflin, Gill Coe, Rachel Turner, Raina Feron Back Row - Coach Mike Weber, Matt Fields, Josh Handy, Ryan Vaughn, Josh Hopkins, Jeff Stowe,

Ethan Weber, Brian Kornett (Not pictured Jon Hutchens).



Score	Opponent
4-5	Martinsville
0-9	Fieldale-Collinsville
2-7	Bassett
2-7	Magna Vista
2-7	Martinsville
0-9	Fieldale-Collinsville
5-4	Bassett
2-7	Magna Vista
	District Tournament
5-4	Bassett
0-9	Fieldale-Collinsville





Back up Gill Coe takes a step back in order to get a better swing in at the ball. Gill was the only senior member on the team.

Perfect form Returning the ball back to his opponent, Ryan Vaughn hopes for it to be impossible to hit back. Being a second year player with experience proved to be fortunate for Ryan's game.



Right back at 'cha Captain Josh Hopkins returns his opponent's serve with extra force hoping for it to win the point. Leadership qual-



ties and teaching ability made Josh perfect for the team's captain.

Driving for Improvement

"It was an excellent season for us finishing with an overall record of 9-3. Two of our losses were very close, which we could have easily won and been 11-1," commented golf coach Gerald Culler.

The Cougar golf team did not make any changes in their practices from last year drastically which made it easy for the team to know what was expected. They set a goal for the season, which was to qualify for regional competition as a team. "We almost accomplished this with a



"This team had a lot of talent and potential for this season. Unfortunately, we didn't do as well as we could have. We hope to be very successful in '96."

Brian Williams

close third place finish in the district tournament," stated Culler.

The Cougars' first match of the season was at the Carroll County shoot out where the team finished with a third place trophy. Their first Piedmont District match was against Magna Vista where the team lost by one stroke, 157-156. After coming off the close loss to Magna Vista, the Cougars took on Gretna where they beat them to gain their first victory by a score of 146-173. Next up for the team was Dan River where the Cougars easily defeated them 165-191. The Cougars kept their win streak going by winning two more matches, first defeating Chatam 138-168 and then Floyd 167-190. Unfortunately, the streak was cut short by Fieldale-Collinsville where the Cougars lost 158-155. The team picked themselves

back up to defeat Bassett 150-156 and start a new streak, winning four more in a row after that. The Cougars defeated Floyd for a second time 160-195 and Shawsville 160-209 in a three-way tournament. Next was Laurel Park where Patrick easily defeated them 160-172, and then Tunstall narrowly won 148-150. The Cougars lost their final regular season match against Martinsville 168-156.

The team's highlight of the season came by defeating Chatam at Gordon Trent Golf Course where the Cougars shot a record low score of 138. Coach Culler said that this was "the lowest score I have seen since I have been coaching the team. We had three individuals that qualified for regionals including Matt Harnsberger, Jon Helms, and Wes Martin. This team has done really well this season."

Front row-Brian Williams, Jon Helms, Wes Martin, Justin Plasters, Shawn Crouse; Back row-Ryan

Vaughn, Nathan Biggs, Matt Harnsberger, Curt Akers, Coach Gerald Culler.



Score	Opponent
3rd	Carroll County Shootout
157-156	Magna Vista
146-173	Gretna
165-191	Dan River
138-168	Chatam
167-190	Floyd
158-155	Fieldale-Collinsville
150-156	Bassett
160-195	Floyd
160-209	Shawsville
160-172	Laurel Park
148-150	Tunstall
168-156	Martinsville
3rd	Piedmont District Tournament





Waiting with anticipation. Coach Gerald Culler waits for the next group of the golf team to reach the green after hitting their approach shot. Coaches roam around the golf course to help the players with the problems that they may have.

Nice and easy. Knowing how to judge the slope and speed of the green, Ryan Vaughn takes an easy swing of the putter to try and make par as teammate Curt Akers and a Chatam player look on. Being a senior on the team gave Ryan enough experience to help get through the year.



On the edge. Jon Helms chips off the edge of the green trying to get his ball as close to the hole as possible. Chipping is thought to be

an essential part of every golfer's game, and it was found to be true.



Accelerator

Trucking Through The Course

"We had a good solid ending with both our boys' and girls' teams finishing second in the Piedmont District tournament. Aaron Whitwell was named Male Runner of the Year for the second year in a row in the Piedmont District for his undefeated season," stated cross country coach Nelson McConnell.

The Patrick County cross country team didn't have as many injuries this year due to more extensive warm-ups at the beginning of their practices. The goal for the year was to do as well as the

team possibly could which "was always met," said Coach McConnell. The girls only had five runners this year. This gave them more of a struggle, which helped them progress more individually.

The Cougar cross country team started off their season at Magna Vista where they won defeating Fieldale-Collinsville, Martinsville, and Magna Vista with a score of 32. The next meet for the Cougars was the only home meet of the season where they finished third behind Bassett and Dan River, but ahead of Magna Vista with a score of 47. They then travelled to Gretna where they again finished first beating out Gretna and Martinsville. The Cougars were then to travel to Martinsville but the meet was cancelled. Patrick then went to Bassett where they finished second behind Bassett but ahead of Fieldale-Collinsville and Magna Vista.

ta scoring 36 points. The last regular season meet was held at Laurel Park where the Cougars ended the regular season with a first place finish, beating out Martinsville and Magna Vista with a low score of 28. At the Piedmont District meet held at Gretna, both teams finished second. This was the highlight of the season for both the teams, since it was the first time the girls were able to run as a team. At the regional meet the boys finished tenth and, unfortunately, the girls were unable to compete as a team. Aaron Whitwell advanced to the state meet held at Great Meadows where he finished 18th.

Coach McConnell finished by saying, "We hope to build on to this success and get more people to come out and run on the team. So far there is an encouraging response from the girl's side."



"We did very well this year, but we are going to have to work very hard to try and make up for the loss of some key members of our team. We will be alright."

Scott Niedjela

Front row- Dwayne Williams, Stephanie Cox, Jackie Setliff, Josh Rakes, James Kirkpatrick; Second row- Aaron Whitwell, Katie Barrow, Becky Leeper, Matthew

Kirkpatrick, Scott Niedjela, Jeremiah Mabe; Back row- Josh Kandies, Art Anthony, Lucas Moller.



Score	Opponent
	At Magna Vista
32-49	Fieldale-Collinsville
32-51	Martinsville
32-93	Magna Vista
	At Home
47-37	Bassett
47-40	Dan River
47-125	Magna Vista
	At Gretna
32-45	Gretna
32-47	Martinsville
	At Bassett
36-30	Bassett
36-61	Fieldale-Collinsville
36-110	Magna Vista
	At Laurel Park
28-36	Martinsville
28-70	Magna Vista
	Piedmont District Tournament
2nd	Boys
2nd	Girls
	Region III Tournament
10th	Boys





How am I doing? Becky Leeper grins with achievement as she passes injured teammate Jackie Setliff. Jackie showed that even though she was unable to run, she still had team spirit.

On your mark! Patrick County runners including exchange student Lucas Moller, Scott Niedjela, Josh Kandies, and Art Anthony, take their starting position as they prepare for the long gruelling run ahead.



Almost there. Senior Aaron Whitwell gives it all he's got as he closes in on the finish line. Aaron

will also be travelling to Europe this summer to compete in a cross country tournament.





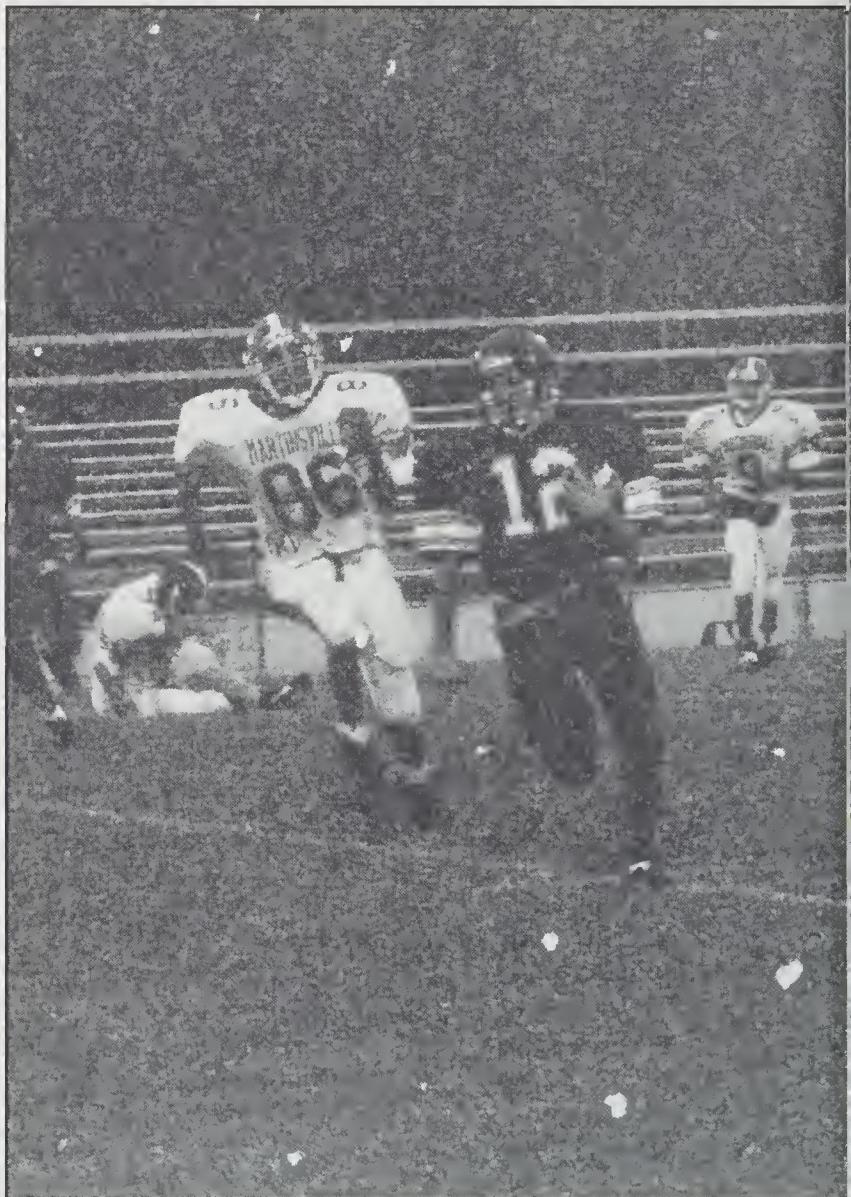
Crunch time. Patrick County players sandwich the Martinsville runner at the line of scrimmage. The JV defense added to the defeat of the Martinsville Bulldogs.

I think I can, I think I can! Wes East brings it to the side line and turns his engines on trying to push it into the end zone. Wes did many jobs for the JV team such as kicking and rushing the ball.



I should be getting paid for this. Michael Gilley takes it through the hole and into the endzone as he did all season. As an upcoming junior,

Michael will have a big impact on the varsity team of the future.





Hammer Time

Beating 'em in the Ground

"The players improved every time they were on the field. They never let up, and they finally learned how to play as a team," stated JV football coach Brian Turman.

Changes in the practices of the Cougars involved drills to promote more physical aspects of the game. Also, instead of having an eighth grade team due to lack of numbers, the eighth graders who wanted to play were moved up to the JV level. Coach Turman wanted the team to play 110 percent at all times and to leave anything that happened on the field out there after the game had ended. Progress made by the team was learning to play together as a team and by never giving up in any situation.

The JV Cougars started the season with a loss to

non-district rival Carroll County 6-8, but then turned around to open up district competition with a big win over rival Martinsville 7-6. Unfortunately, the Cougars lost their next three straight to Tunstall 0-20, Fieldale-Collinsville 12-18, and Dan River 14-35. Patrick then won the next two games against Gretna 18-12 and Bassett 18-6. The Cougars then lost to Laurel Park 12-18, and were supposed to have played Chatam next, but that game was cancelled and never made up. The Cougars finished their season, staging an amazing comeback against Magna Vista winning by a score of 26-20.

The highlights of the season for the Cougars came in the second game of the season upsetting Martinsville and in the

Front row-Dusty Moricle, Paul Shelor, Chad Clark, Wes East, Travis Nowlin, D.J. Martin; Second row- John Prater, Jeremy Martin, Bo Royall, Carter Deekens, Cliff East; Third row- David Turner, Eddie Gregory, Nathan Pettaway, Teddy Byrd, Rusty McPeak; Fourth

row- Michael Gilley, Matt Wood, Lucas Cockram, Tony Vaughn, Senica Moore; Fifth row- Dennis Hancock, David Durham, James Booth; Back row- Coach Brian Turman, Coach Ricky Vernon.

tremendous fourth quarter comeback of the Magna Vista game where they were able to score 20 points to send the game into a winning overtime.

"The eighth graders who were brought up to the JV level contributed a great deal to this team. It was unfortunate not being able to play Chatam because with a win over them, our record could have improved to .500," ended Coach Turman.

Score	Opponent
6-8	Carroll County
7-6	Martinsville
0-20	Tunstall
12-18	Fieldale-Collinsville
14-35	Dan River
18-12	Gretna
18-6	Bassett
12-18	Laurel Park
11-11	Chatam (Cancelled)
26-20	Magna Vista



"This season started out with a big win against Martinsville which helped us learn to work more as a team instead of individuals...."
Wes East

The Monsoon

Flooding 'em with Fear

"We had a solid season. There were eight first-team All-Piedmont District players on our team, and Corey Thomas was named Defensive Player of the Year. There were also four second-team All-District players and one honorable mention," commented varsity football coach Addison Kendrick.

The changes made in the practices was based upon the number of coaches. Coach Kendrick said that the work had to be less on individual fundamentals. The goals set for the sea-

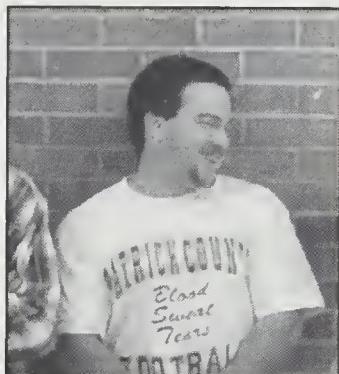
son were to win the Piedmont District title and to go to the regional playoffs. The team was "physically stronger and gave extra effort" than teams of the past, pointed out Coach Kendrick. Even after the heartbreaking loss to Martinsville, the team was still able to attain a solid season and progress to a higher level.

The varsity Cougars started off their season by demolishing Carroll County 34-7. They then had to play Martinsville where they lost a tough one 12-14. The team picked themselves up quickly to defeat Tunstall 22-16 the next week. Patrick then traveled to Fieldale-Collinsville where they picked up their second loss, 19-33. Next for the Cougars was Dan River for the Homecoming game where Patrick triumphed over the defen-

ding district champs by a score of 32-20. This started a five game winning streak including the defeats of Gretna 49-0, Bassett 32-7, Laurel Park 46-13, and Chatam 22-14. The streak ended in the last game of the season when the Cougars were overcome 14-21 by Magna Vista.

Coach Kendrick stated that "seeing the team physically whip Martinsville the entire game except for on the scoreboard" was the highlight of the season.

"To see a group of young men who have worked hard for three years together and gone from boys developing into fine young men (the seniors) was also a highlight of this season," summed up Coach Kendrick.



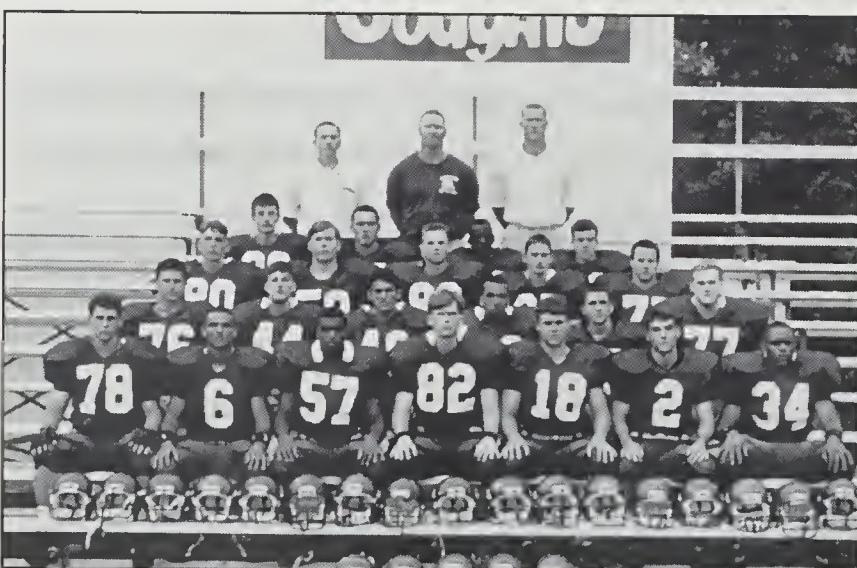
"Unfortunately, we didn't make the playoffs. We did, however, finish with a record of 7-3. We were small in numbers, but we had the most heart of any team in the district."

James Dillon

Front row- Stephen Turner, Ray Hylton, Corey Thomas, Zach Kreager, Christian Batcheller, Doug Martin, Junior Penn; Second row- Matt Turner, Jeff Hamm, Shawn Stanley, Quinn Brimm, Oliver Gooden, Ryan Pilson; Third row-



Score	Opponent
34-7	Carroll County
12-14	Martinsville
22-16	Tunstall
19-33	Fieldale-Collinsville
32-20	Dan River
49-0	Gretna
32-7	Bassett
46-13	Laurel Park
22-14	Chatam
14-21	Magna Vista





How did you like that? Senior quarterback Christian Batcheller walks to the sideline to receive the next play from Coach Kendrick. Christian was one of the key players for the Cougars leading the team in all their plays.

Like a walk in the park. Trotting along merrily, senior Ray Hylton kicks in the turbo boosters as the sluggish defensive team scurries behind to catch him, which they never did.



Add another one. Kicker Shawn Stanley adds another extra point to the scoreboard after a touch down. Kicking was not the only position

that Shawn played for the Cougars making him valuable to the team.





Here we come. Dyan Rusmisel brings the ball down the court while thoughts of fear run through the defensive players' minds, wondering if they will ever be able to stop the Lady Cougars.

Faaade awaaay. Emily Goad goes up for another two-point bucket for the Lady Cougars to extend their lead against Chatam. Emily had to prove herself as an aggressive player to compete against the players in the Piedmont District.



Houston, we have a problem. That was on the defender's mind as Samantha Hall launches into orbit hoping to add more points to her

collection. The team practiced hard on fundamentals of basketball like routine layups that weren't always so easy.



Schooling 'em

Class Dismissed



"We had an extremely successful season. Our 11-7 Piedmont District record and 11-9 overall record demonstrates our competitiveness in the district," stated JV girls basketball coach Joanne Amos.

The JV team was allowed to practice in the new gym this year which gave the team more time to find out their individual playing skills. The goals for the team were to finish the season with a winning record and to hit 80 percent of the team's free throws. The first goal was reached and the second was achieved in several games.

The JV Lady Cougars started off this season at the Floyd County tip-off tournament where they lost both games against Floyd 21-51 and Fieldale-Collinsville 33-35. They then started their regular season beating Fieldale-Collinsville 57-41

which began a six game winning streak against Tunstall 41-34, Bassett 45-35, Dan River 37-26, Chatam 44-31, and Gretna 34-29. They then lost to Magna Vista 33-43 and Martinsville 40-53. The Lady Cougars came back to beat Laurel Park 48-42 and Fieldale-Collinsville 39-27. Tunstall was their next opponent where they lost 39-48, and then they lost to Bassett 24-30. The Lady Cougars then slaughtered Dan River 55-26. Chatam was the Lady Cougars next adversary where they were defeated 26-46. They then defeated Gretna 45-31 and Magna Vista 46-44. The Lady Cougars ended their season with two losses to Martinsville 45-58 and Laurel Park 30-59.

This team was different from those of the past in that "they really enjoyed being with each other and

playing the game," added Amos. The highlight of the season was when the Lady Cougars staged a come-from-behind win against Magna Vista 46-44. At the end of the season several of the JV players moved up to play with the varsity team.

Coach Amos finished by saying, "All the hard work and time the girls put in during the season and in the off season really paid off in the form of a very successful season."

Score	Opponent
21-51	Floyd
33-35	Fieldale-Collinsville
57-41	Fieldale-Collinsville
41-34	Tunstall
45-35	Bassett
37-26	Dan River
44-31	Chatam
34-29	Gretna
33-43	Magna Vista
40-53	Martinsville
48-42	Laurel Park
39-27	Fieldale-Collinsville
39-48	Tunstall
24-30	Bassett
55-26	Dan River
26-46	Chatam
45-31	Gretna
46-44	Magna Vista
45-58	Martinsville
30-59	Laurel Park

Front row- Susie Rusmisel, Coach Joanne Amos, Amy Havens; Second row- Coach Grandy Biggs, Terri Scott, April Hall, Emily Goad, Misty Hazelwood, Robin Coleman, Angel Reynolds, Shounita Carlton,

Coach Wendell Terry; Third row- Dyan Rusmisel, Abigail Biggs; Top row- Samantha Hall.



"The team enjoyed picking with Coach Amos. This helped to ease the tension and to keep our spirits up even when we may have been losing."

Misty Hazelwood



Up The Lane

Taking Them To The Hole

"It was a great season. The girls enjoyed themselves, and they were a pleasure to coach. We accomplished what we did because of great team effort and unity," commented varsity girls basketball coach Wendell Terry.

The team decided to spend more time on the mental aspects of basketball. As a result, "we were very prepared for each team we played," stated Terry. The team goal was to give 100 percent at all times, and they improved in several areas, such as their



"We improved a great deal throughout the season. We started playing together more as a team and our confidence level increased, which helped make for a fun year."

Holly Weber

half-court defense and having more confidence.

The Lady Cougars started off their season with losses to Blacksburg 47-51 and Floyd 64-85 (both non-district matches). The girls then took on Fieldale-Collinsville where they won by a score of 51-43, but then turned around to play them again where they lost 62-66. Tunstall was the Lady Cougars' next opponent where they won 77-68. The Lady Cougars proceeded to win their next five games against Bassett 61-57, Dan River 80-40, Chatam 59-45, Gretna 67-50, and Magna Vista 49-38. The next game was against Martinsville where the Lady Cougars lost by a score of 51-71. Then, the Lady Cougars defeated Laurel Park by a score of 68-58. The team suffered two tough losses to Fieldale-Collinsville 56-59 and Tunstall 63-68. They then bounced back to go on a five game winning streak beat-

ing Bassett 57-38, Dan River 76-37, Chatam 63-26, Gretna 68-33, and Magna Vista 51-38. Martinsville stopped the streak with a score of 64-72. The Lady Cougars ended their regular season with a loss to Laurel Park of 42-50. However, the ladies got redemption in the tournament where they beat them by a score of 56-53. The Lady Cougars then were knocked out of the tournament by Fieldale-Collinsville 40-49.

The Lady Cougar team had several season highlights, such as the second game against Bassett and strong efforts at Chatam and Magna Vista, but the "biggest thrill" for Coach Terry was the double overtime win against Laurel Park in the tournament. Coach Terry finished by adding, "This was a great group to work with, and I hated to see the season end."

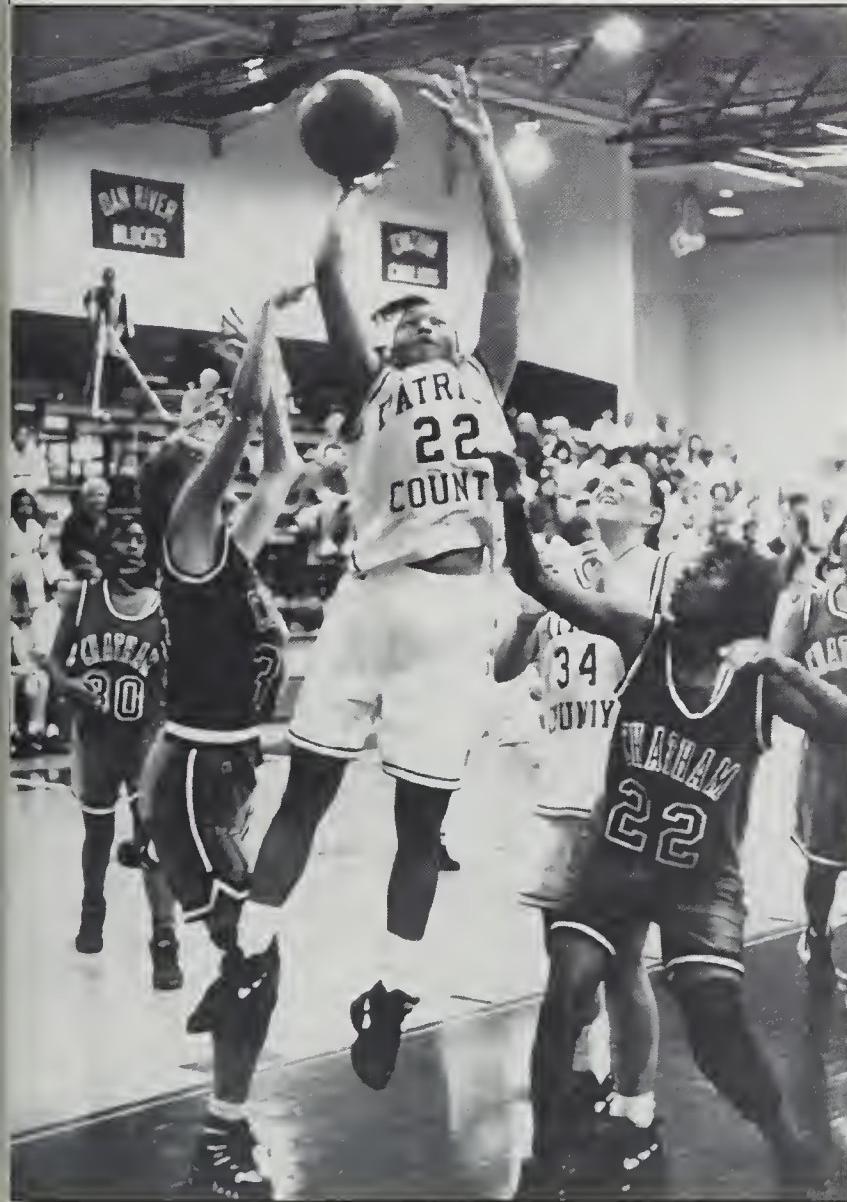
Sitting- Coach Wendell Terry; Kneeling- Angie Noonkester, Amy Nelson, Tane Shepperd; Standing- Coach Grandy Biggs, Holly Weber, Stephanie Jessup, Summer East, Ra-

chel Pendleton, Geneva Hylton, Allison Brammer, Coach Joanne Amos, Josh Hopkins; Top- Jennifer Jessup, Anita Huff.



Score	Opponent
47-51	Floyd County Tip Off Tournament
64-85	Blacksburg
51-43	Floyd
	Fieldale-Collinsville
62-66	Fieldale-Collinsville
77-68	Tunstall
61-57	Bassett
80-40	Dan River
59-45	Dan River
67-50	Gretna
49-38	Magna Vista
51-71	Martinsville
68-58	Laurel Park
56-59	Fieldale-Collinsville
63-68	Tunstall
57-38	Bassett
76-37	Dan River
63-26	Chatam
68-33	Gretna
51-38	Magna Vista
64-72	Martinsville
42-50	Laurel Park
	Piedmont District Tournament
56-53	Laurel Park
40-49	Fieldale-Collinsville





The view sure is nice up here. Anitra Huff shows two opponents that when you get taken to the hole by a Lady Cougar, points should automatically go on the board, and that they might not ever be the same.

Ball, Ball, Ball, Ball! Shouting, senior member Tane Sheppard plays tight defense on her opponent. Good defense is the key to getting the ball on offense, and the Lady Cougars knew all about that.



It's just too easy. Senior Amy Nelson soars several feet above her adversary to sink one of many baskets in the season. Amy scored over

1,000 career points as a Lady Cougar. She was one of the few in our school history to ever accomplish this feat.





Score	Opponent
8th Grade	
37-60	Martinsville
43-58	Floyd
45-57	Surry Central
66-64	Tunstall
41-53	Surry Central
36-67	Carroll County
Junior Varsity	
40-42	Gretna
34-42	Tunstall
54-42	Tunstall
51-61	Laurel Park
43-49	Magna Vista
51-41	Fieldale-Collinsville
48-39	Dan River
29-38	Chatam
31-42	Martinsville
33-42	Laurel Park
47-40	Bassett
42-53	Carroll County
47-54	Magna Vista
20-46	Fieldale-Collinsville
39-54	Chatham
56-58	Bassett



Oh yes, tis sweet! Carter Deekens gives the ball that final touch while he watches the ball soar through the air for that final sound so the

celebration may begin. Carter's poise and accuracy made him a valuable player for the JV team.



"All in all we as a team had a decent year even though our record wasn't the best. We are young and are looking forward to next year together to improve on what we accomplished this year."

Wes Martin



Learning and Winning Together



here I come. Sophomore Wes Martin scurries in on the Cavalier player and totally throws him off his shot. Good defense proved to be a key aspect to the JV Cougars season.

"I feel the players improved greatly despite only playing six out of their originally scheduled games due to all our inclement weather," stated 8th grade head coach Mr. Matt Versluis.

Coach Versluis said that the players (being the first time they had ever played together) had to "learn to work together as a team." He said it was a real challenge to them but that they "adjusted well." The goals set for the team by Coach Versluis were to show how the JV and Varsity level are conducted and for the players to learn to play as a team. "I feel these goals were established but it is hard to meet them with only six games played," commented Versluis.

The highlight of the sea-

son for the 8th grade Cougars was the overtime win over Tunstall and for Coach Versluis being able to coach "some fine student athletes."

"Progress isn't measured by winning or losing, at least not at the 8th grade level. Progress is measured by learning how to become a team and how to do what is best for your teammates. We made great progress in that aspect," ended Coach Versluis.

The JV Cougar Basketball team started off another year of basketball for Patrick County with two new coaches for the team. Coaches Grandy Biggs and Kevin Short took over the team for this season. The first thing they did was establish their goals for the year. Coach Biggs stated,

"We always wanted to: give our maximum effort in all games, always be in control, and always exhibit a positive attitude. Naturally we wanted to win every ballgame. This is a natural goal. They are not always met but striving to do so is what matters."

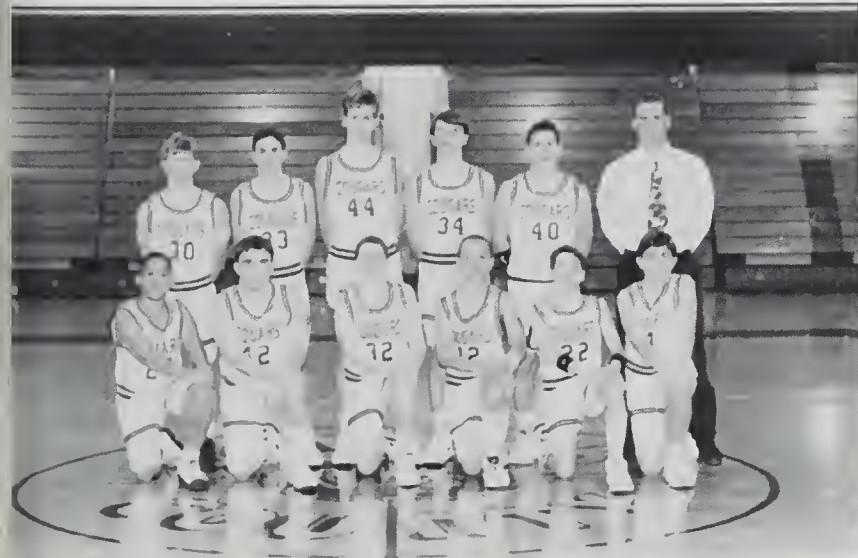
The highlight of the season was beating Bassett at Bassett when they only had eight of their players dressed for that game. Commenting on this game Coach Biggs said, "Our team members pulled together and gave a maximum effort with a positive attitude along with dictating the tempo of the ballgame. This was a great team effort with players handling their role, and it is what we need to keep doing in the future."

8th grade: Front row: Steven Ilyton, Chris Halsey, Brian Sellers, Chris Penn, Dwayne Williams, Kelly Simpson. Back row: Mike Gray,

Brad Morris, Heath Jones, Chuck Sheppard, Scott Errichetti and Coach Matt Versluis.

JV: Front row, l-r: Winston Reynolds, Shane Conner, Wes Martin, Travis Nowlin, Daniel Greenwalt, Michael Gilley, Back row: Coach

Kevin Short, Daniel Turman, Matt Dunlap, Tony Vaughn, Jeremy Martin, Carter Deekens, and Coach Grandy Biggs.



Experience

Comes With Great Expectations

"I feel to finish fourth in a league such as the Piedmont District was a good accomplishment for our basketball team," commented head Varsity Basketball coach Bob Burnette. Coach Burnette said that the team put more emphasis on the press offense and on more game situations towards the end of the season. The team set a goal to finish in the top five, but "lost some close one's," stated Burnette.

The Cougars started the season off with three



"As a whole we had a great season because we won more games than we had in a long time. We could have won a few more if we had made up all our games that were cancelled but, oh well, I still loved the season and love this game."

Jason Wood

straight wins against Gretna 82-69, Carroll County 70-48, and Tunstall 69-62. They lost their first game to Laurel Park with a disappointing two-point deficit, 54-56. The team then challenged Magna Vista where they again lost 46-58, but bounced back to win their next three games. The first win was against Fieldale-Collinsville 66-54, then Dan River 64-59, and finally against Chatham 54-33. Patrick County next went up against Martinsville where they were defeated 71-79. The Cougars came back to play Laurel Park a second time and won 57-54, yet was then dropped by Bassett by a five-point margin, 56-61. Carroll County was next on P. C.'s schedule where the Cougars embarrassed the Cavaliers with a score

of 61-39. The Cougars then lost a close one to Magna Vista 61-64, and then lost to Fieldale-Collinsville with a score of 50-57. Chatham was then defeated by Patrick County 82-58. The final home game and regular season game was against Bassett where the Cougars lost a heartbreaker in the last seconds of overtime 77-79. The Cougars finished the season fourth in the district with a nine win and seven loss record. When asked about a highlight of the season Coach Burnette said, "We haven't had our highlight yet."

Coach Burnette ended by saying, "With so many distractions this season, I believe this team progressed as well as possible. The team members played this year at a very competitive level. All we need to do is to continue to work hard so we can stay at this level of play."

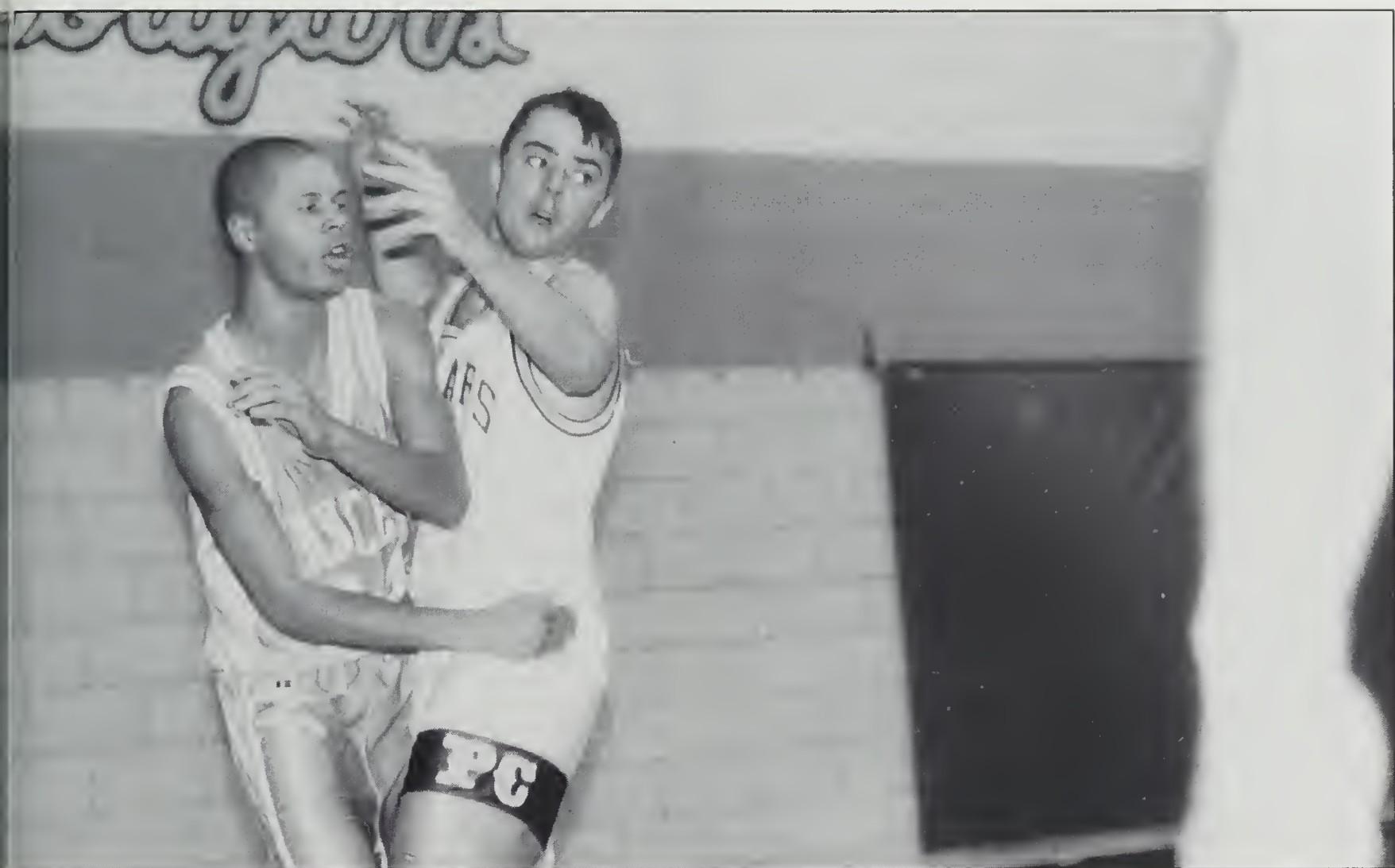
First row, l-r: J.R. Vipperman, Aaron Hill, Curt Akers, Corey Reynolds, Ray Hylton, Shawn Smart, Lucas Moller, Back row: Travis Wimbush, Junior Penn, Christian

Batcheller, Jason Wood, Nathan Biggs, Darrin Doss, and Coach Bob Burnette.



Score	Opponent
82-69	Gretna
70-48	Carroll County
69-62	Tunstall
54-56	Laurel Park
46-58	Magna Vista
66-54	Fieldale-Collinsville
64-59	Dan River
54-33	Chatham
71-79	Martinsville
57-54	Laurel Park
56-61	Bassett
61-39	Carroll County
61-64	Magna Vista
50-57	Fieldale-Collinsville
82-58	Chatham
77-79	Bassett





Hey, what are you doing up there? Senior Ray Hylton turns on the finger roll and easily lays it in. Being able to use the Patrick County weight room had really helped Ray throughout the season.

I don't think so. Deeing up on his opponent Jason Wood shows him what the Cougars are all about while concentrating on hardly giving him breathing room, much less room to touch the ball.



Right on track. Shawn Smart puts it up in three-point land, and waits patiently for that sweet sound of swoosh that he'd become all too fa-

miliar with. Being the only sophomore on the team, he had a reputation to uphold.





Score	Opponent
Junior Varsity	
2-0	Martinsville
0-2	Gretna
1-2	Dan River
2-0	Fieldale-Collinsville
2-1	Laurel Park
2-0	Magna Vista
2-0	Chatham
2-0	Martinsville
2-0	Bassett
2-0	Fieldale-Collinsville
2-1	Laurel Park
2-0	Tunstall
0-2	Dan River
2-0	Magna Vista
2-0	Tunstall
Varsity	
3-0	Martinsville
3-1	Gretna
3-0	Dan River
3-0	Fieldale-Collinsville
3-0	Laurel Park
3-0	Magna Vista
3-0	Chatham
3-1	Martinsville
3-1	Bassett
3-0	Fieldale-Collinsville
3-0	Laurel Park
3-1	Tunstall
3-1	Dan River
3-0	Magna Vista
3-2	Tunstall



It's all mine. Positioning her body for the incoming ball Amy Nelson concentrates and steadily plans her move. Being one of the most con-

stant players on the team, Amy was featured in an article in the Martinsville Bulletin.



"This team was great this year. We showed everyone that we were the top team in the Piedmont District by winning all our regular season games and going undefeated."

Wendy Massey





Setting it up. Becky Leeper gets down on her knees as she sets up the ball right on the net for Summer East to drive down their throats. Just another example of what teamwork can do.

"It was an exciting, exhilarating feeling to be seen as the best. This varsity team deserves all the accolades for their hard work and determination to succeed," commented Varsity Volleyball coach Ms. Bidgie Buchanan.

The Lady Cougars had "faster-paced" practices and continued to work hard and stayed focused on "playing volleyball intelligently," said Buchanan. The volleyball team improved on their serves which Buchanan said was "one of our best defenses." The team highlights of the season were defeating Gretta and Bassett, who in the past had been on the top of the Piedmont District, and

also going undefeated in the regular season.

Coach Buchanan finished by saying, "Most of these young ladies have been playing together since 8th and 9th grades, and this helped them to have total teamwork. They are the most athletic and versatile team in the district. Talent is spread throughout the team."

Along with the varsity team, the JV team also had a winning season. Coach Rakes stated, "I am really pleased with the way the overall season has gone. The team has worked hard during practices and that hard work has shown in the performances on the court."

The goals set by the JV

Lady Cougar Volleyball team were first of all to win, but the goals set by Coach Rakes were to have them come together and play as a team. "I feel they have been able to do this fairly well," continued Rakes. The highlight of the season for the JV Lady Cougars was when they defeated Bassett 2-0 the first time the teams faced each other.

"I think the quality that has made this team different is the fact that they play together so well as a team. Each player, as an individual, has developed her personal skills and then each has brought that skill to the team.

V Volleyball: Front row, l-r: Amy Martin, Dyan Rusmisel, Stephanie Essup, Suzie Rusmisel, Sarah Landy, Back row: Coach Sandra Rakes, Tanya Swiney, Abby Rodgers, Misty Hazelwood, Emily

Goad, Joni Dellenback, Libby Belcher.

Varsity: Front row, l-r: Becky Leeper, Jackie Setliff, Amy Nelson, Middle row, l-r: Allison Brammer, Wendy Massey, Jennifer McKeithan, Danielle Muller, Holly Terry, April Jackson, Summer East,

Sondra Hopkins, Robyn Boyd, Back row, l-r: Coach Bidgie Buchanan, Warren Rodgers, Lisa Nelson, Josh Hopkins.



Winning By Conditioning, Practicing, & Drilling

Once again the Patrick County wrestling team had a winning season finishing their season with a 5-2 district record and a 9-4 overall record. The Cougar wrestling team ended their regular season with a third place finish.

"Our practices consisted of more conditioning, drilling moves, and live wrestling this season," commented wrestling coach Mr. Mark Gammons.

The goals set for the team this year were to again be the district champions, and goals set for the individual

wrestlers were to be the district champions in their weight class. Coach Gammons also said that the new wrestlers and some of the underclassmen gained "valuable experience" as the season progressed.

The Patrick County Cougar wrestling team started off their season on a positive note defeating Mount Airy 45-27. They then took on Carroll County where they set the Cavaliers straight killing them 81-0. The Cougars then extended this winning streak three games further by defeating Bassett 51-25, Fieldale-Collinsville 72-3, and Martinsville 51-21 before being stopped by Lord Botetourt 22-52. They then took on James River where they won 54-27. The Cougars picked up their second loss at the hands of Patrick Henry 35-43, and then lost a tough one to district competitor Tunstall 33-35. Laurel Park was the next victim of Patrick County's

wrestling team where the Cougars won 60-12. Magna Vista then handed the Cougars their second district loss by a score of 27-38. The Cougars ended on a positive note by beating Chatham 64-9.

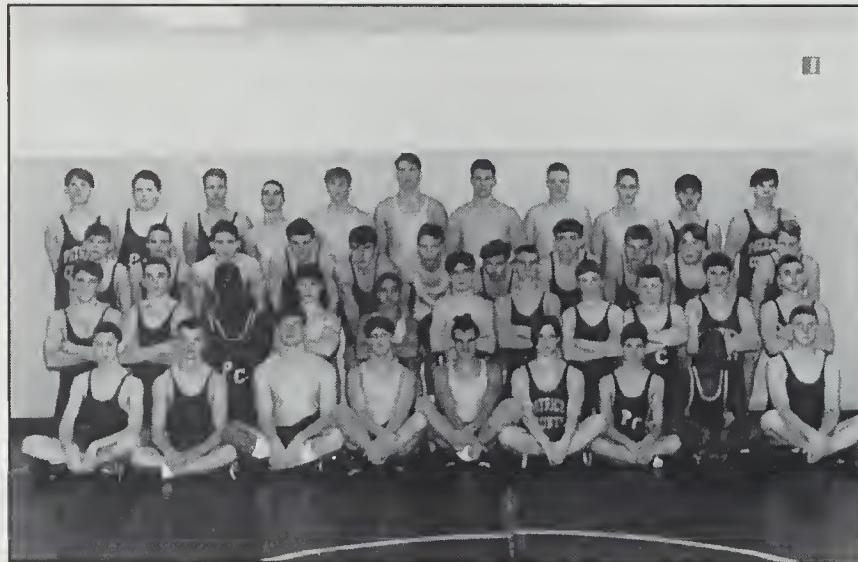
The Cougars participated in two invitationals where they finished first in the Christiansburg tournament and second in the Carroll County tournament. The highlight of the season came at the Christiansburg tournament. Gammons stated that "there were 16 teams there, and we placed first." At the end of the season the Cougars went to the district tournament where they captured the title with three individuals placing first in their weight divisions. Gammons ended by adding that the team "had a 24-3-1 district record since the 1992-93 season in the Piedmont District."



"Even though it was my first year, I really feel like I've learned a lot. The season was full of fun and experience, and I look forward to next year.
Barry Collins

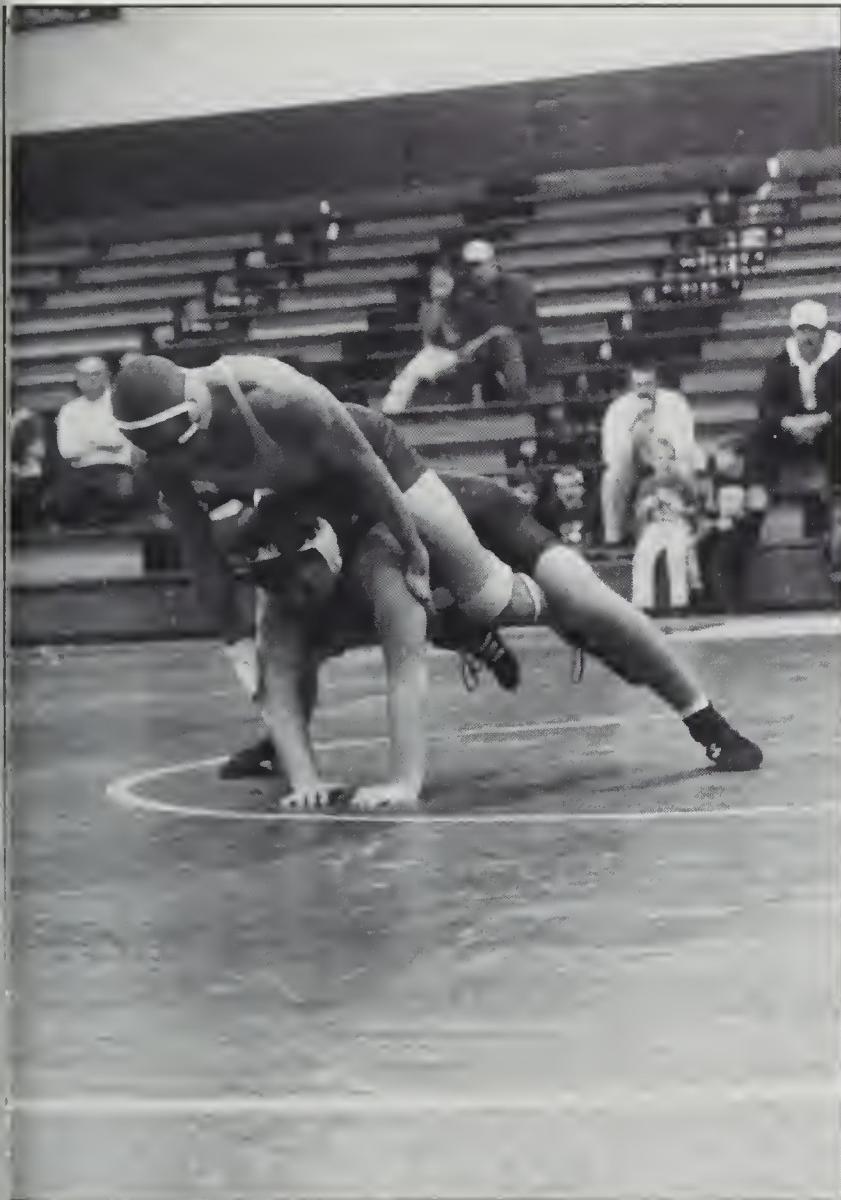
Front, l-r: Cliff East, Josh Cassell, Zach Kreager, Jeff Hamm, Shawn Stanley, Scott Ragsdale, James Kirkpatrick, Corey Dixon, Ethan Weber, 2nd: Brian Kornett, Aji Dixon, James Pampani, Chad Clark, Dusty Moricle, Jason Handy, Josh Rakes, Derrick Bowman, Andrew Blackwell, Edward Haynes, 3rd: Tyler Bash, Justin Helms,

David Morrison, Patrick Pascale, Jesse Hayden, Travis Bash, Mickey Edwards, Tony Wimbush, Joseph Helms, Ryan Hopkins, Teddy Bird, Back: Chad Martin, Matthew Fields, Bill Boles, D.J. Martin, Josh Kandies, Barry Collins, Steven Turner, Chad Corns, Wes East, Kenny Crouse, John Fulcher.



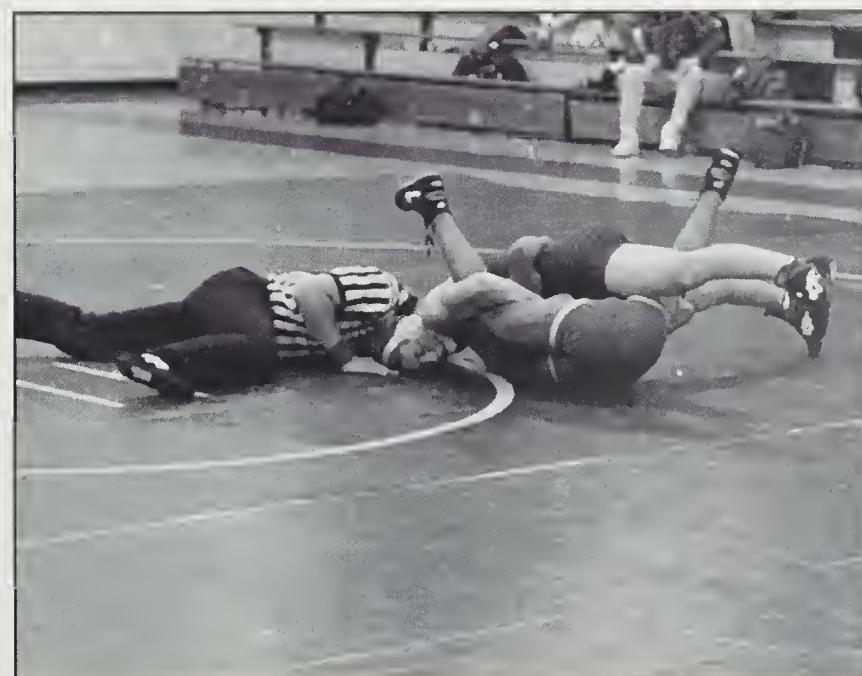
Score	Opponent
45-27	Mount Airy
81-0	Carroll County
51-25	Bassett
72-3	Fieldale-Collinsville
51-21	Martinsville
22-52	Lord Botetourt
54-27	James River
35-43	Patrick Henry
33-35	Tunstall
60-12	Laurel Park
27-38	Magna Vista
64-9	Chatham
1st	Christiansburg Tournament
2nd	Carroll County Tournament
1st	District Tournament





Get over here. Taking his opponent over the top Shawn Stanley jerks with all his might while planning his next move to pin him. Placing first in one of his tournaments, Shawn was a valuable asset to the team.

Fall in! Mentally preparing themselves for the next slaughter, wrestlers throw themselves into a huge pile and gather their final thoughts before starting the match. Mental preparation is truly the largest part of any sport.



Just an inch more. Senior wrestler Travis Bash takes a quick glance at the ground to see how much longer

he has to go before he has his opponent pinned. Being a senior, Travis' experience proved vital.



Varsity Football Cheerleaders



Andrea Sheppard, Amy Williams, Kandy Marshall, Meredith Fix, and Susan Cummings.

Varsity Girls Basketball Cheerleaders



Front row, l-r: Denise Puckett, Shavonda Redd, Leanne Cox, Middle row: Shuana Penn, Marcia Cobb, Wyshona Lawson, Back row: Giselle Batcheller, Anna Clark, Amanda Foddrell.

JV Girls and Boys Basketball Cheerleaders



Front row: l-r: Katrina Fulcher, Chasity Meadors, Amanda Chitwood, Ashly Johnson, Mia Spangler, Cynthia Foley (Mascot);

Back row: Crystal Lawson, Amanda Hylton, Heather Merriman, Valerie Wray, and Melissa Hall.

Varsity Boys Basketball Cheerleaders



Left to right: Shavonda Redd, Eydie Smith, Anna Clark, Giselle Batcheller, Tammy Martin, Wyshona Lawson, Sarah Meade, Lisa

Holt, Raina Feron, Leanne Cox.





Power To Give It All They Got

"It was a great experience for me being a first year cheerleader. I had a lot of fun going to all the games and watching the guys do as well as they did this season. It is something I will never forget."

Sarah Meade

Cheerleaders represented a group of extremely devoted, enthusiastic, and spirited individuals ready to cheer their designated team on to victory. Cheerleaders worked their hardest to motivate both the team and the crowd. Much effort and loyalty was incorporated to lift morale to a new plateau.

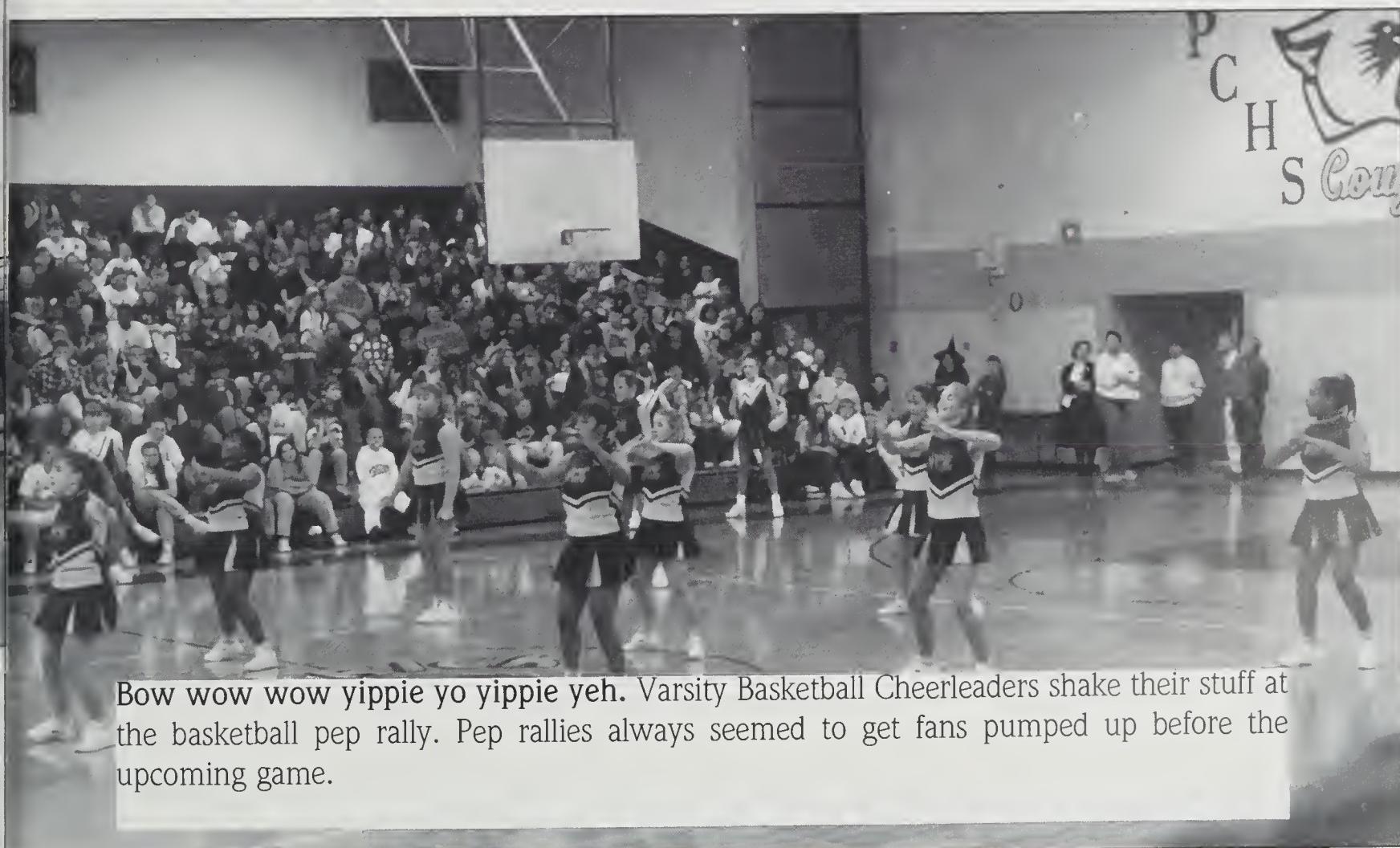
Just like any other sport, cheerleading practice convened as soon as possible at the start of the season. Cheerleaders learned to work diligently as a team to perform and perfect complicated cheering and dancing routines. Coordination and precision was essential when cheer-

ing as a group. A typical practice consisted of warming up, drilling cheers and dance routines, and working on loudness, sharp movements, and syncopation. Also during practice, banners and posters were made to place throughout the school.

When game time finally arrived, the cheerleaders used their high spirits to lead the fans with chants. Aside from the crowd aspect, each cheerleader had "duties." All cheerleaders played an integral part in pep rallies, as well as occasional appearances on the morning announcements. Each cheerleader also had her own "spirit

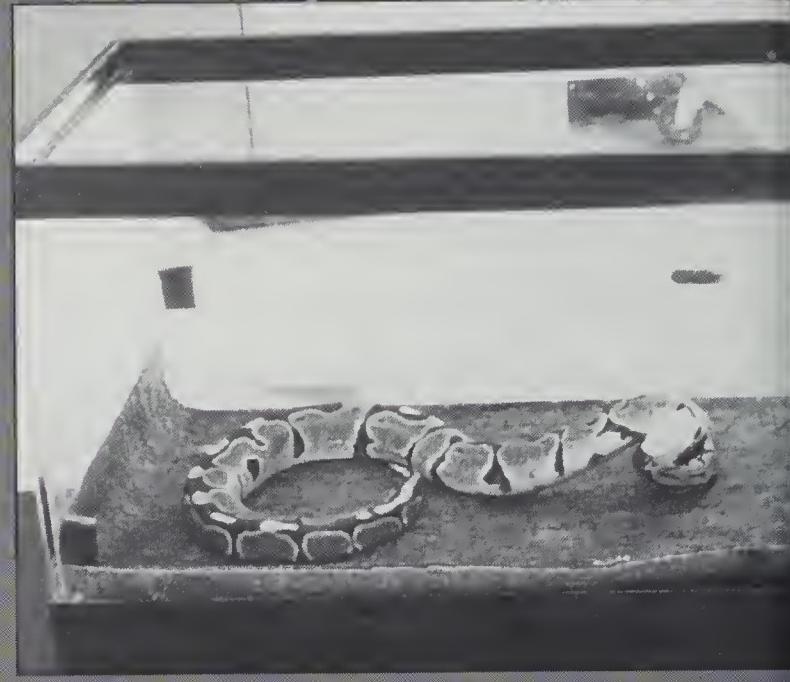
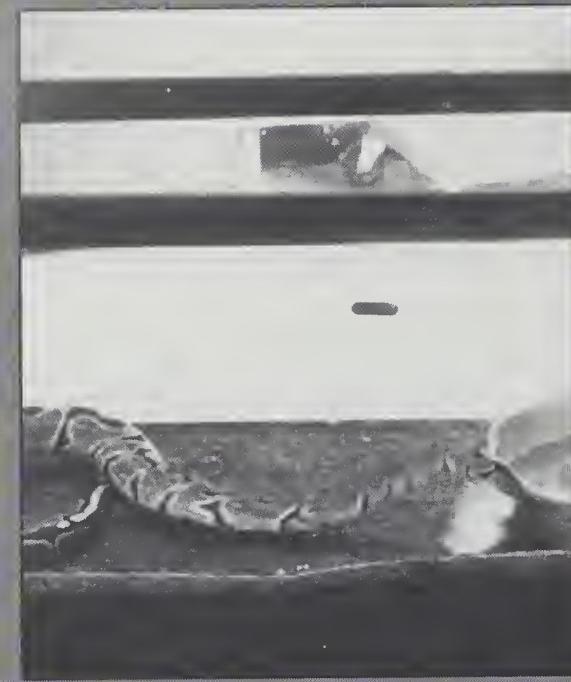
pal" or athlete, as well as a fellow trammage. Spirit bags were made consisting of candy or small gifts to encourage school spirit.

Cheerleaders gave it their all to keep the crowd spirited and excited. Without cheerleaders on the sidelines, it was a whole different game. Sophomore Andrea Sheppard summed it up when she stated, "I really enjoyed cheering (for football) this year. A lot of people think it is ridiculous to stand in the freezing cold with hardly anything to wear, but I loved the action, excitement, and cheering to 200 or more devoted fans!"



Bow wow wow yippie yo yippie yeh. Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders shake their stuff at the basketball pep rally. Pep rallies always seemed to get fans pumped up before the upcoming game.



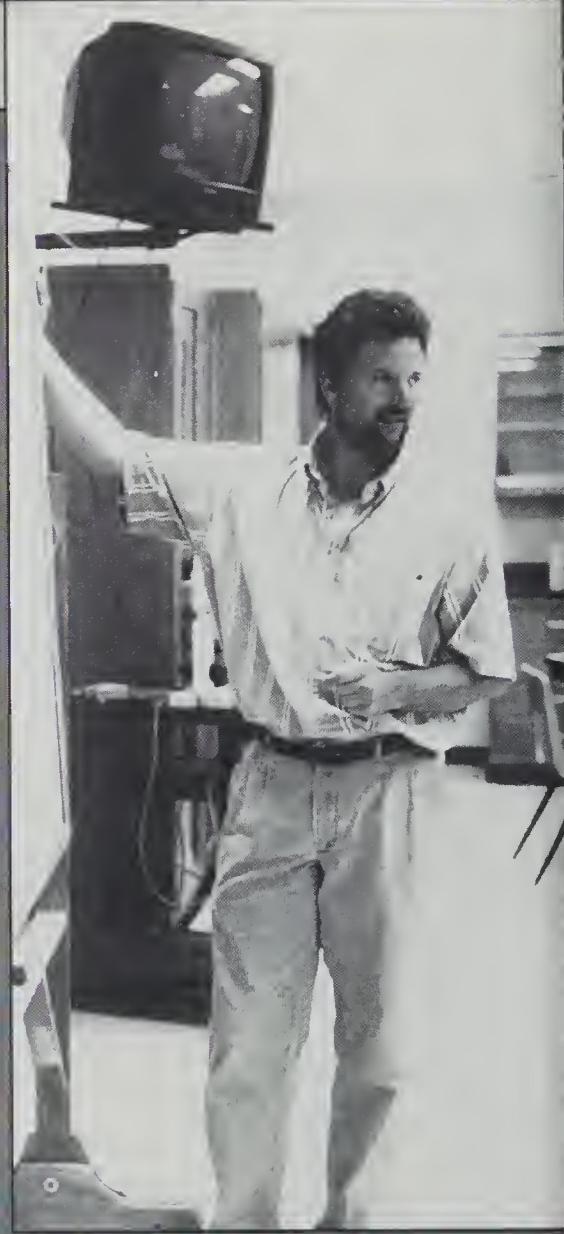


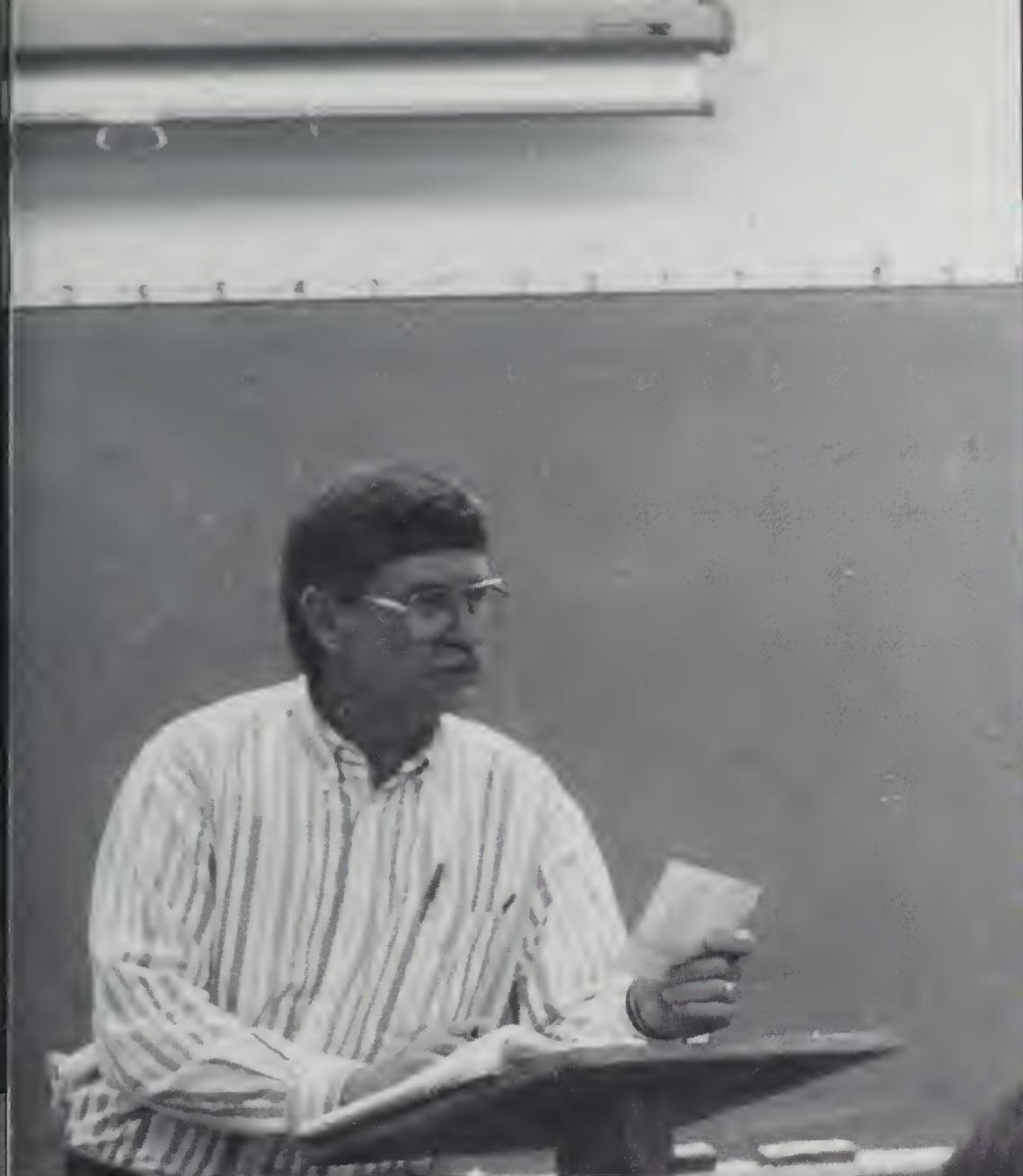
CHILLING DISCOVERIES

One of the most occupying parts of student life was academics. Going to classes was a daily routine that students found to be both enlightening and cumbersome. Science and computer labs enabled students to get hands on experience and made classwork more interesting. Taking notes and doing homework was something all students had in common. Through it all, the student body increased their intelligence and made many "chilling discoveries" in the process.

Yikes! Fast as lightning, Medusa the snake makes short work of a white mouse. Having animals at school gave students first-hand exposure to things in nature.

"Listen up." Mr. Gerald Culler answers questions about the notes on the board. Teachers answered a barrage of questions for students every day.



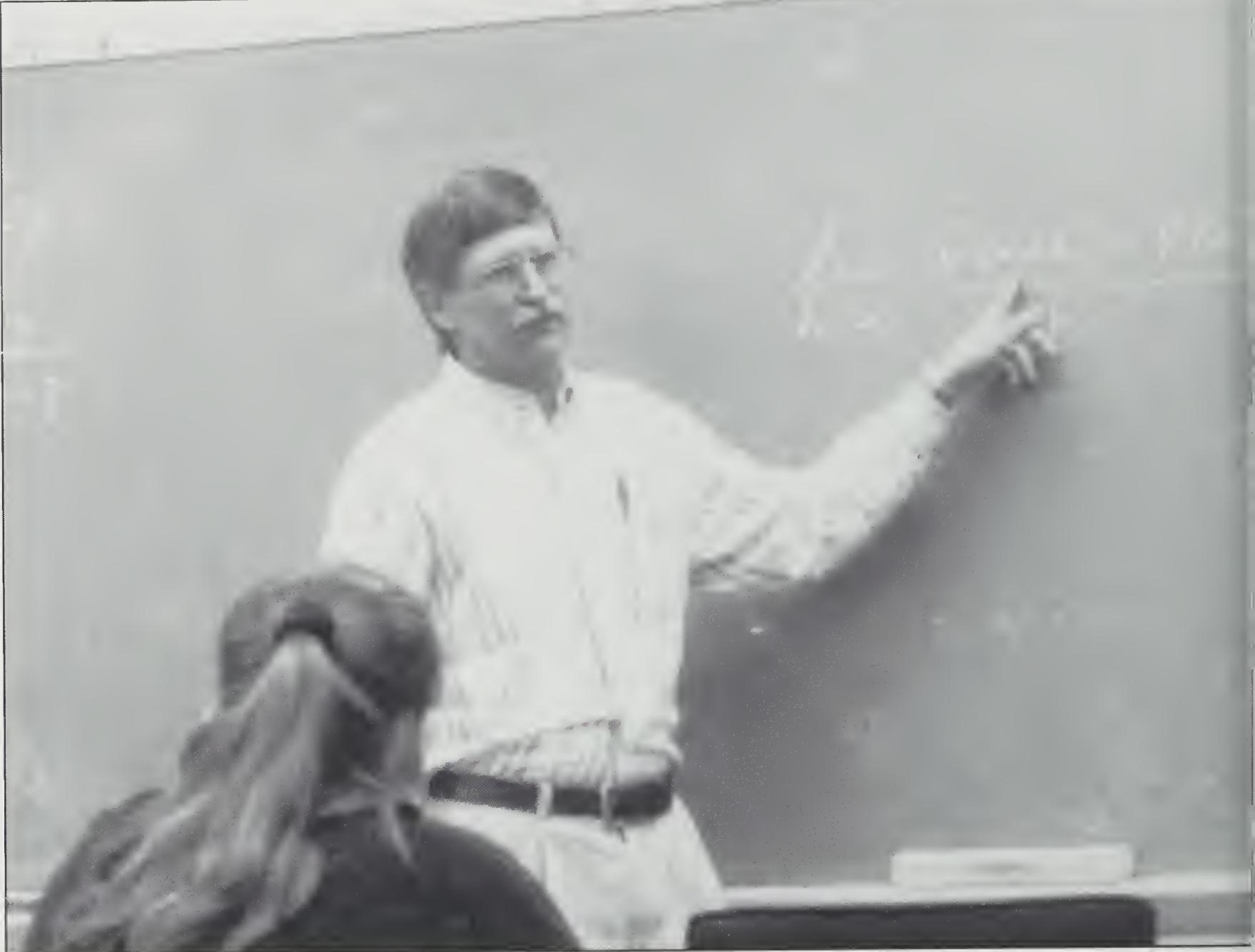


"Peace is so groovy!" Mr. Douglas Dunlap keeps peace alive while doning his "hippie" attire. Mr. Dunlap gave his history classes a treat with this and many other historical outfits he wore during the year.



"What's the answer to number 19?" Mr. Chip Graves (a.k.a. Wiley Clodis) checks homework problems in Calculus class. Even though students disliked doing homework, they had to admit that in the long run it helped them immensely.





Ready, Set, Solve for X

As students entered the room, the scratch of paper paused momentarily as laughter arose from the class. They had just entered Mr. Chip Graves' Algebra II Trig. class or maybe Ms. Joanne Amos' Geometry class. However, it certainly proved that math was the last thing from boring.

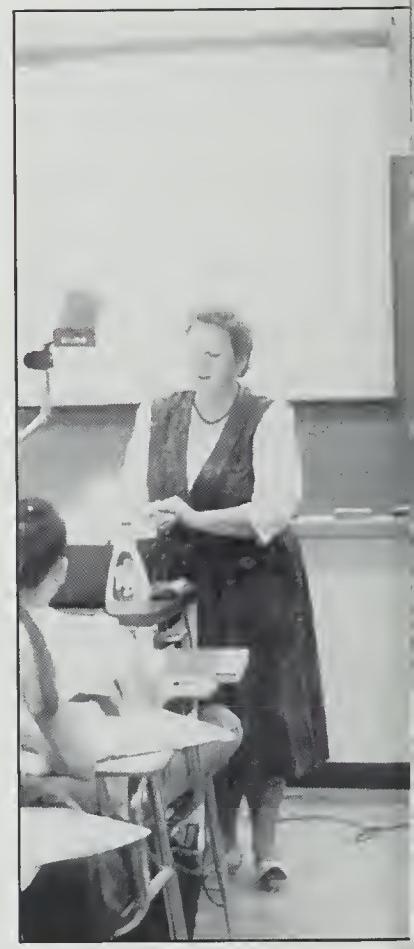
Methods from some of the best math teachers arose in those rooms. Some of the best methods came from hands-on projects. "Assets (to the mathematic department) include CORD materials that allowed teachers to

provide hands-on projects for students," said Mrs. Mary Jane Taylor, Math Analysis teacher. Students agreed that hands-on projects made learning math more understandable. "Math is an easy and fun class," commented Heather Williams. As well as the projects, the wit of some of the teachers caught the attention of the students.

Teachers had a way of getting to you in a tough subject. Even Albert Einstein couldn't pass math, but maybe he'd have had a chance if he had our teachers.

Formula One. Mr. Chip Graves explains the "easy way" to work the problem at hand. Students in Mr. Graves' class used many formulas to help them solve their problems more efficiently.

Me and My Elmo. Math teacher Evelyn Hazelwood uses her Elmo overhead projector as an all important teaching aid. Utilizing the available resources made teaching an easier task.



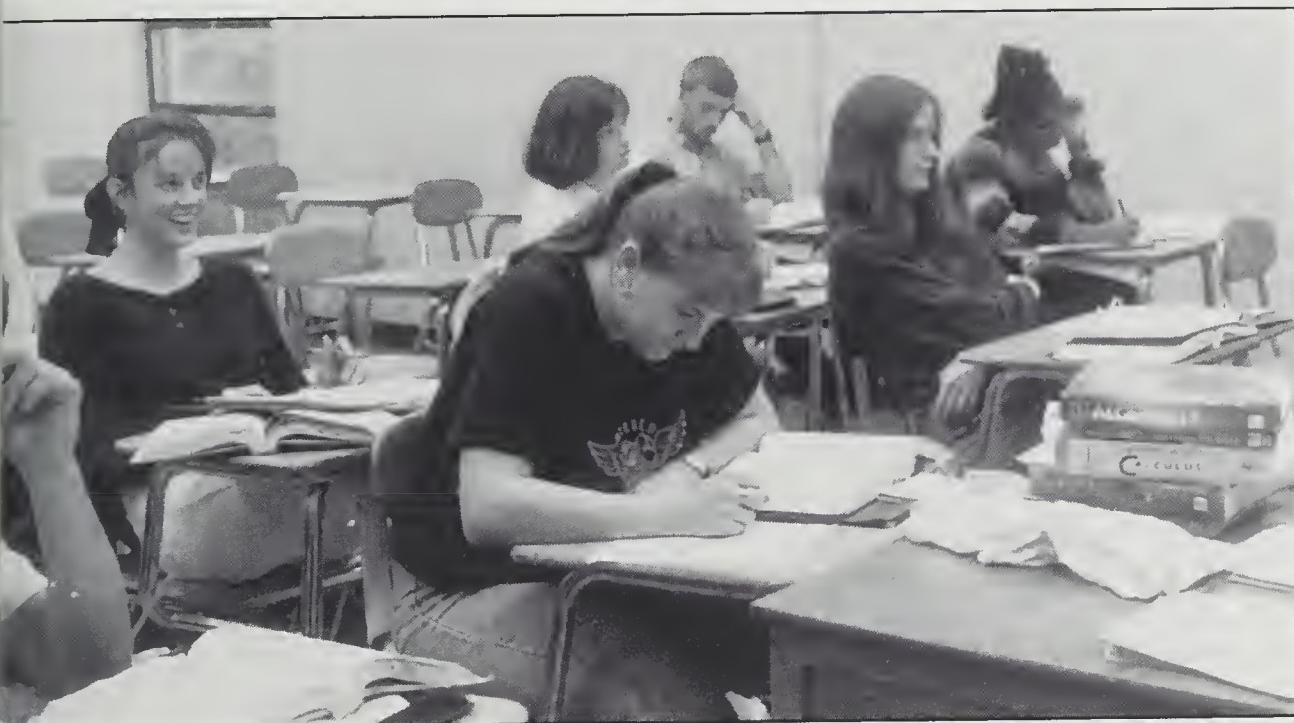


Ring Bell, Ring. Teresa Hutchens uses her excess class time to her advantage, beginning that long voyage through her math homework for tonight. Students took every opportunity to work and stay one step ahead.

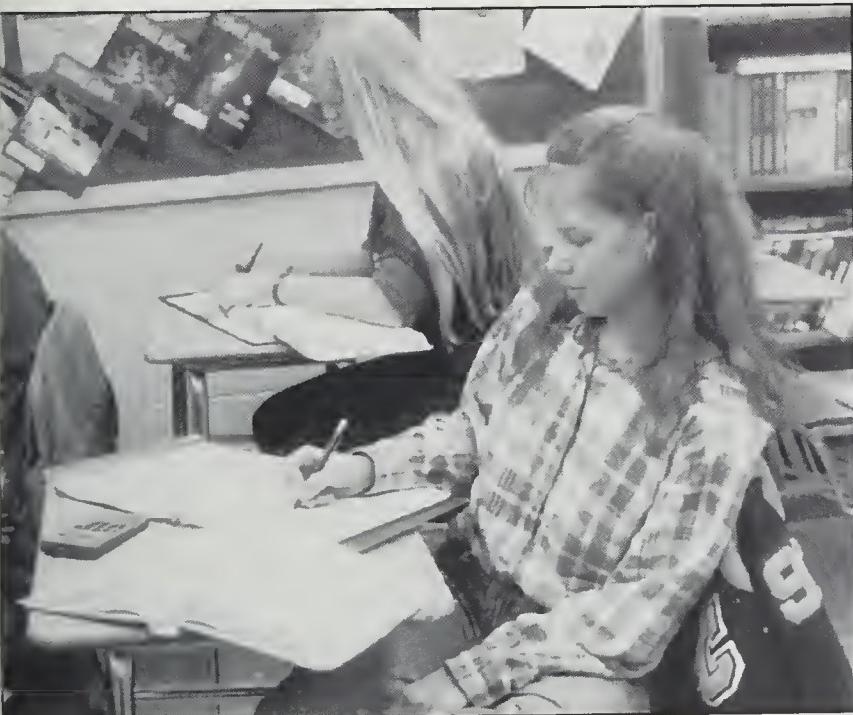


$2x + 3x = ?$ Sarah Meade diligently examines the homework assignment from last night. Teachers often help students by showing the work of the problem on the board.

"Algebra can be hard at times, but I like it anyway." Jeremy Pack

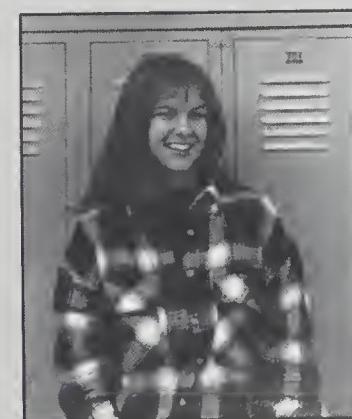
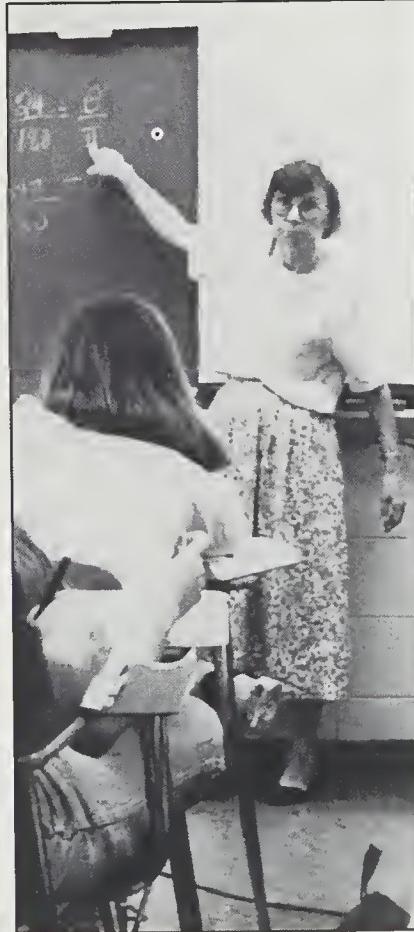


"I think Geometry is difficult, but everyone needs a challenge." Crystal Pilson



Oh, My Goodness! Traci Holt, a junior, stares in utter disbelief at the problem she is now facing. Students in advanced classes were often asked to perform college-level problems, however, students like Traci were well prepared for the challenge.

It works out! Mrs. Mary Jane Taylor accomplishes a tough math problem in no time.



"I love Geometry, because I have Mr. Mark Gammons as the teacher." Stephanie Jessup





Hey, That's Cool. Senior Shawn Stanley points to a graveyard drawing project.

"Mr. Short's class is excellent, because he makes learning interesting, educational, and rewarding."

Amanda Foddrell

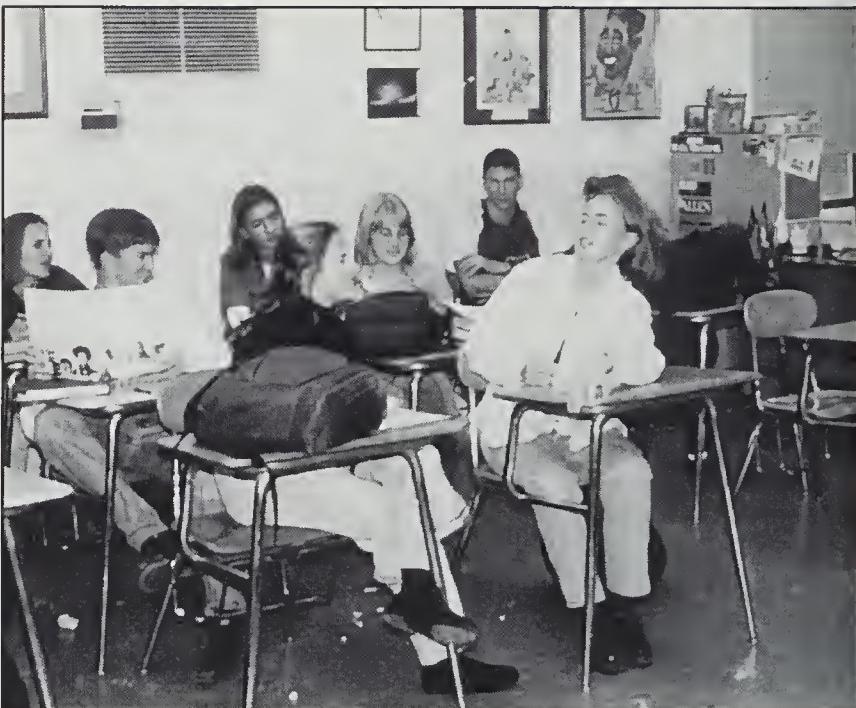
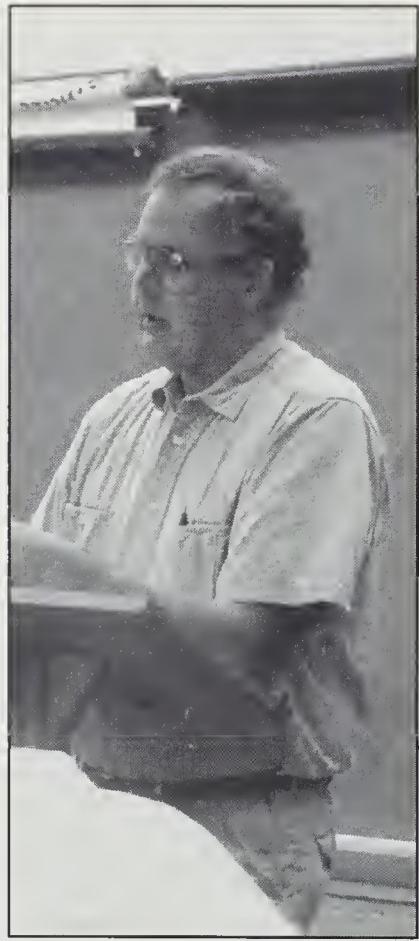
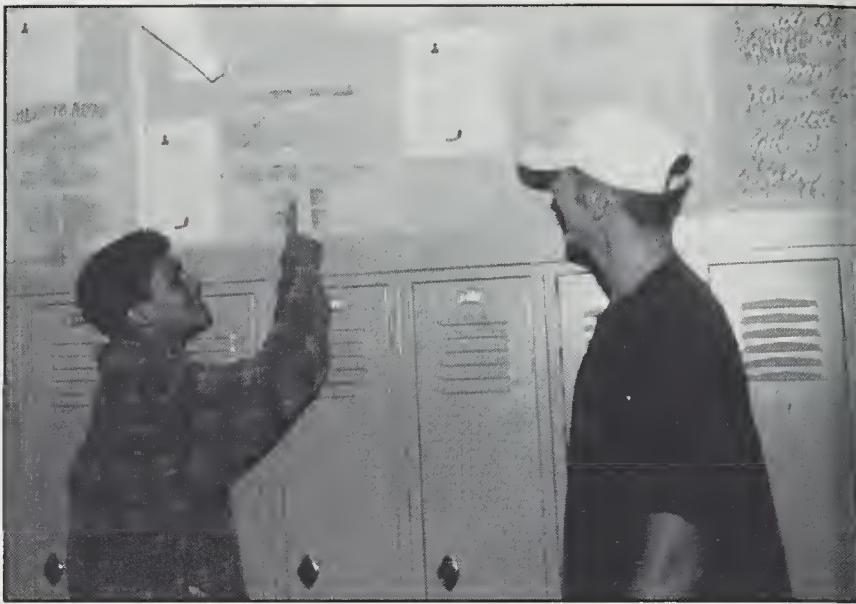


"History is a challenging course that is very interesting if you have a teacher like Kevin Short." James Pampani



"World Geography rules!" Mark Pilson

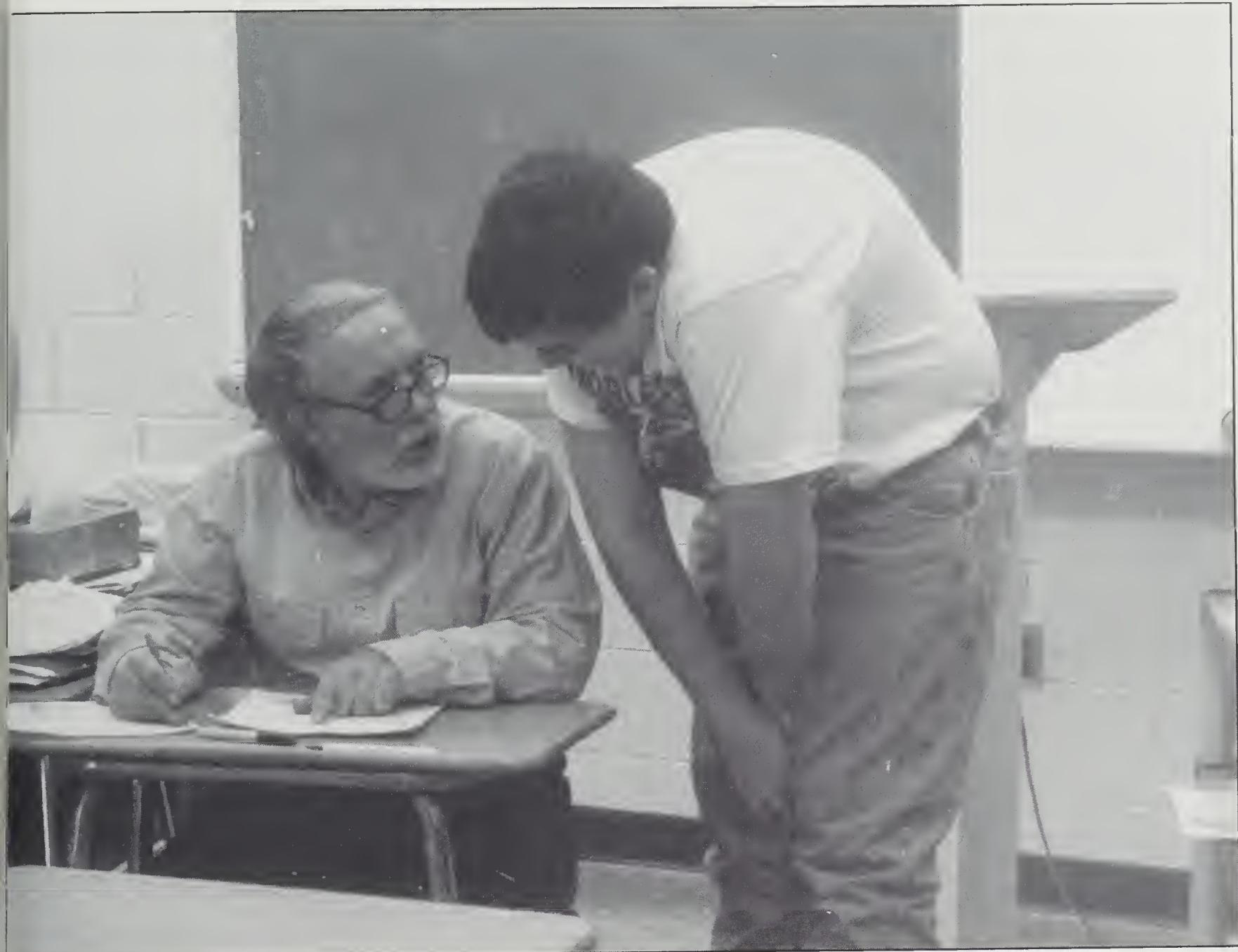
Joking around, Juniors Donice Smart and April Rotenberry share a laugh before class. Students often socialized before classes to catch up on the latest.



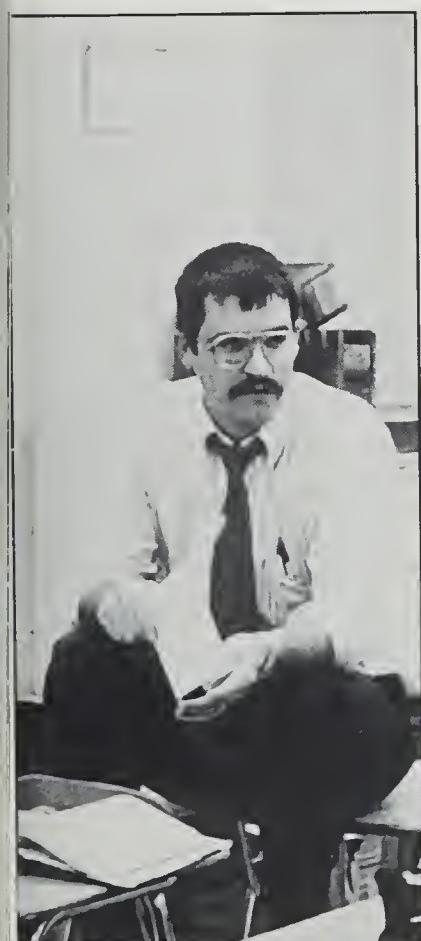
Listen and You Shall Hear. Mr. Ray Smith explains the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere. Taking good notes is very important in helping students succeed in classes.

Get Outta Here! Junior Dana Nelson reacts to a comment made by junior Rachel Turner.





Help! Freshman Josh Thorne asks Mr. John Halsey about his World Geography work. Teachers appreciate it when students ask questions about their assignments.



Whew! Mr. Jesse Hiatt sits as he discusses an important topic with his students. Class discussions really add to lectures.

Historical Dynasty

History was not a thing of the past, in fact, it was the main thing going with all the teachers on the Social Studies hall. You never could tell what was going to happen next.

"Oh man, he's doing it again!" was common to be heard from Mr. John Halsey's World Geography class. Mr. Halsey had a taste for fine, odd, hot, unusual, weird, and gross foods. Among his specialties were fresh jalapeño peppers and escargot (snails) with Halsey's special sauce. Mr. Kevin Short cooked up an interesting topic with his graveyard investigations. "The benefit of the project is to make history more interesting and it's a more

hands-on approach than reading and memorizing dates," says Mr. Short, History teacher. Of course, let's not forget Mr. Douglas Dunlap who was a recreator of history in his hippie halloween "getup." Exploring fun and exciting worlds was a way to view our classes. There were many ways to recreate history and express worldly cultures.

No matter what, students' perceptions changed because of the difference that the teachers made. "I thought that the graveyard drawings were really fun to do because of having to go into a graveyard and work on the graves" said Anita Huff.





Artfully Inclined

Miss Laura Hodges was a cool new addition to the fine arts department. "Miss Hodges is a great director and a good musician, so her presence is very well appreciated," stated Eric McKinney.

The chorus sang in many school activities such as pep rallies, assemblies, and at the football field dedication ceremony to Mr. John D. Hooker. The chorus students performed an enjoyable spring concert for the school. Members tried out for All-District Chorus, which was highly competitive.

The band was directed solely by Mr. Kevin Lewis. Members started the year with the yearly trip to Fer-

rum College for band camp, practicing their music, marching, and rehearsing the new show. Band students raised money by selling biscuits and pizzas. When asked how this year went, Blaire Swails replied, "This year band went great! We had a lot of new freshmen, but with Mr. Lewis there to teach them the fundamentals of marching, we were awesome."

The art classes, instructed by Ms. Joyce Wray, studied art history, design theory, art appreciation, pottery, and print making. They went to museums like SECCA (Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art) and Art on the Square in Roanoke.

What are you playing? Junior Eydie Smith questions Sophomore Anna Clark's musical ability before a Varsity Girl's Basketball game. The Marching Cougars played at five different basketball games during the season.

Good Example. Mrs. Joyce Wray points out a picture to help give students an idea of something to draw.





How does this look? Ms. Joyce Wray, art teacher, looks at the newest work of art. Art students often sought the approval of Ms. Wray before turning in their work.



1, 2, Ready, Play Mr. Kevin Lewis watches Emily Goad as she begins her playing test on the Vivace, a computer program that helps band members in their playing techniques.

"I like being in the band because it is a fun class, and Mr. Lewis is a great teacher." Michelle Holt

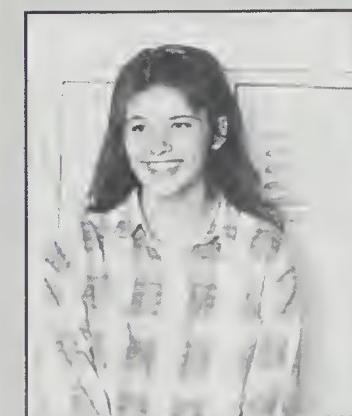


"In art we do a lot of different and interesting things." Kyle Erickson



Re... The chorus directed by Miss Laura lodges performs at the Veteran's Day Assembly. The chorus always made assemblies special with beautiful selections.

World's greatest artist, Sondra Hopkins has a look of confidence on her face as she colors in her masterpiece.



"Miss Hodges is a great teacher because she really cares about her students and she has a lot of patience also." Tina Foley





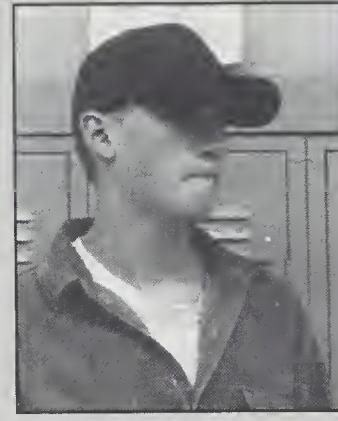
"I took English so I could enhance my learning capabilities."

Shawn Smart



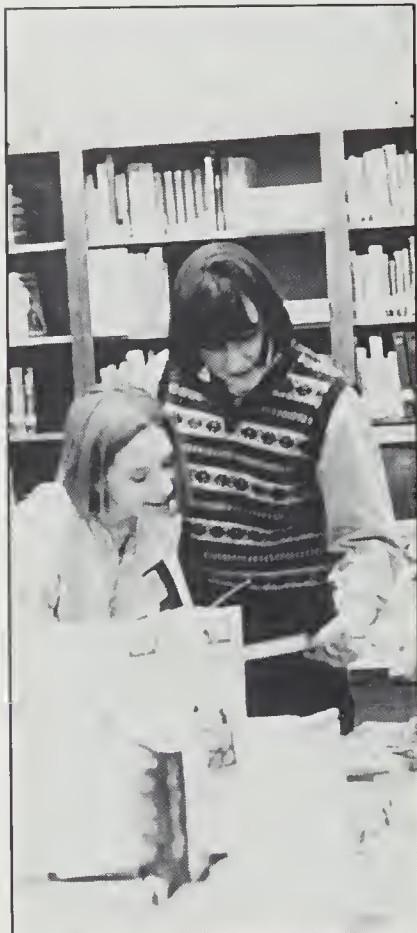
"I'm really enjoying English this year. Mr. Henderson arouses my thinking processes."

John Taylor



"I enjoyed English, because I had Mr. Rigney as a teacher."

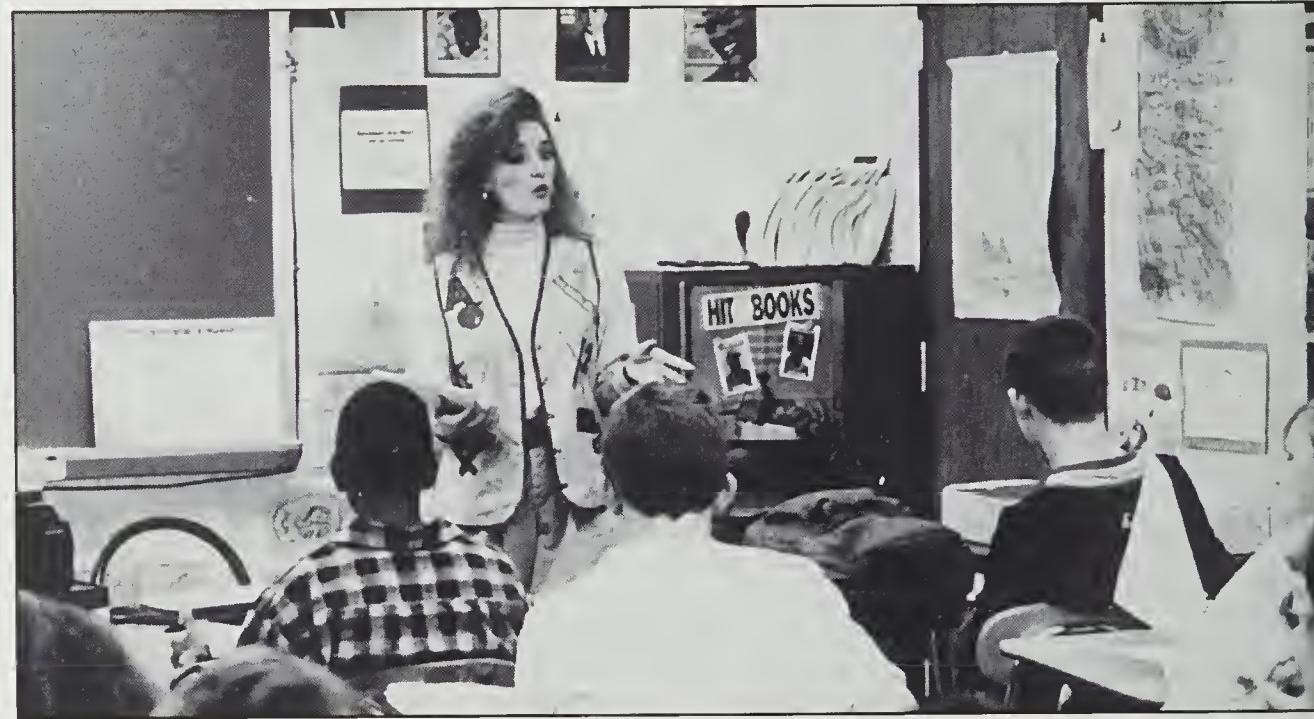
Chris Collins



Check it out! Seniors Becky Leeper and Allison Slate look at the wide selection of books available in the book fair. A book fair is usually held once a year in the library for all students to purchase the latest books.



Laid Back. Waiting for the performance, students sit patiently in the auditorium. Students often gathered in the auditorium for assemblies and concerts.



Deep Discussion. Mrs. Amy Short lectures to her English students. Students listen and participate in lectures often as a means of discussing an important topic in English.



Browsing through the classics Libby Belcher, Stephanie Tatum, Ladai Clark, and Katrina Fulcher share a laugh as they browse through the book fair.



Do You Speak English?



What have I done this time? Junior Chris Waller sits in the hall receiving instructions from Mrs. Phyllis Eastridge. Students often go in the hallways to make up work they have missed.

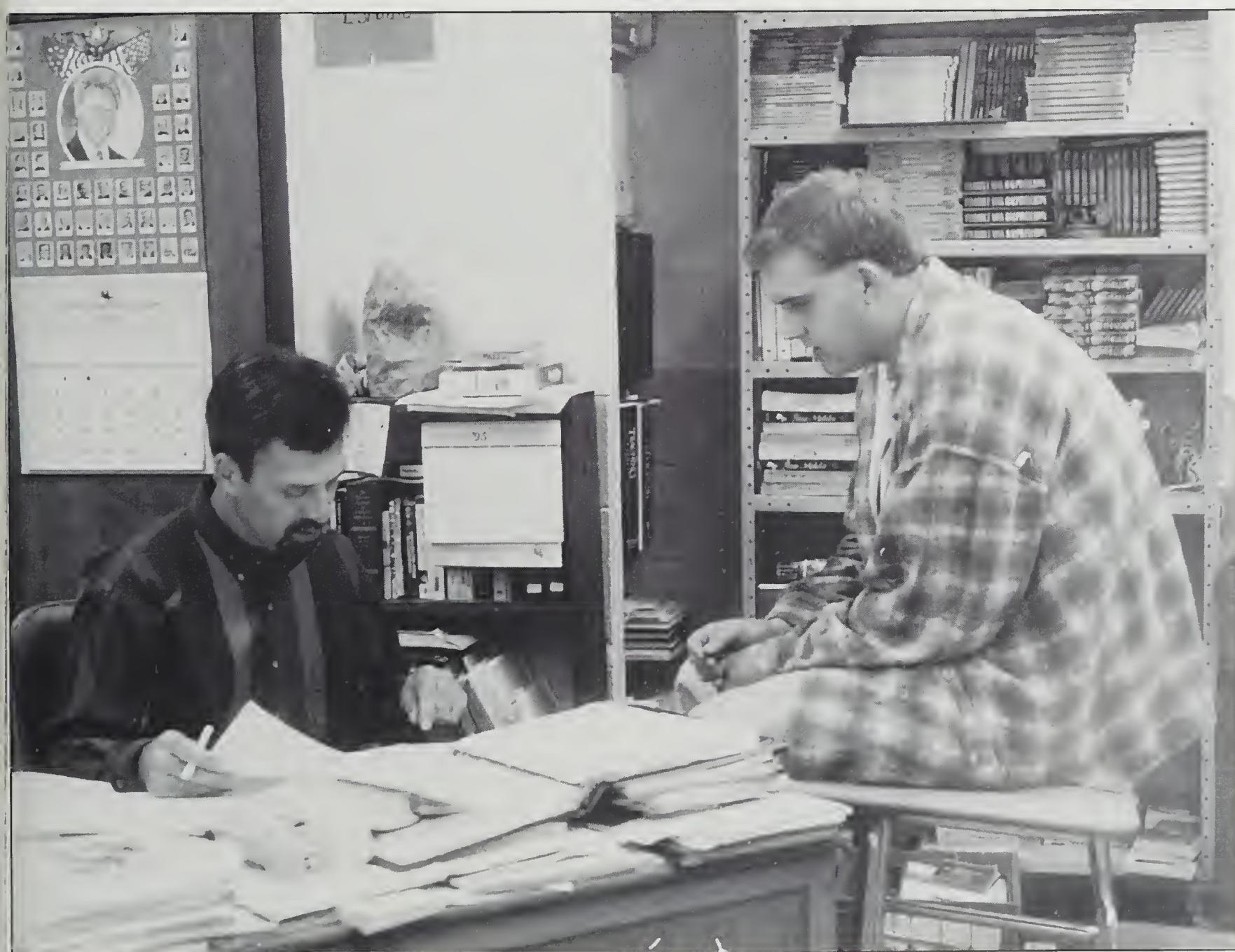
Where is that paper? Senior Ryan Pilson talks with Mr. Stephen Henderson as he searches for an article on his desk.

English students put a lot of hard work and effort into their studies and came out on top. Mrs. Amy Short took over Mr. Greg O'Bryan's classes and was a valuable asset to the English department.

Journal writing was a topic covered in English classes. Journal writing helped develop students' writing skills and allowed them to express themselves. Jennifer Crouse stated, "Mrs. Warren has this real cool book for writing topics. I'm going to like

looking back 20 years from now and discovering that I was a truly intellectual teenager."

Class assignments ranging from grave rubbings to research projects were covered in English. English classes were competitive requiring input from all students. Journal writings and class projects helped students explore their potentials and teach them responsibility. Also, they were able to lose themselves in literature and forget their problems.





Get Physical

For the eighth graders, physical education was a totally new experience. For the first time, they were issued a gym suit, given a locker, and learned which days were for health class and which days were for P. E. Students studied the effects of drugs and alcohol and had fun with P. E. activities, such as volleyball or line dancing.

The ninth graders learned how to save lives in CPR. It was a major part of the curriculum, taking up one semester. Students became certified in standard first aid and adult CPR by practicing on the resuscitator mannequin. Suzanne Wright stated, "It's fun except for breath-

ing in the mannequin."

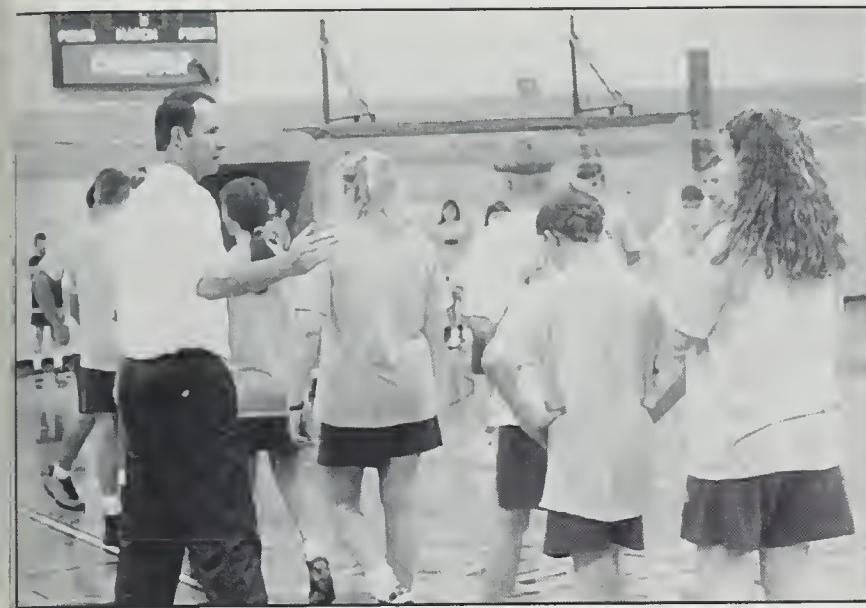
The tenth grade students learned the rules of driving by drawing road signs, receiving behind the wheel and book instruction, and watching videos on defensive driving. Students had to drive on the range and show Mr. Herbert Diggs, Drivers Education instructor, that they were good defensive drivers.

Weightlifting required stamina and dedication. This class helped students build character as well as strength and self-esteem. "I think weightlifting is a good class to keep you conditioned for sports," commented Edward Haynes.

Push right here. Freshmen learned how to properly administer first aid to the injured. Mrs. Cindy Terry helps Jason Shelor demonstrate correct technique on the mannequin.

Serve Time. Freshman Joni Dellenback shows off her skills to her classmates. Everyone was required to take three years of P. E., but games and friendly competition made time fly by.

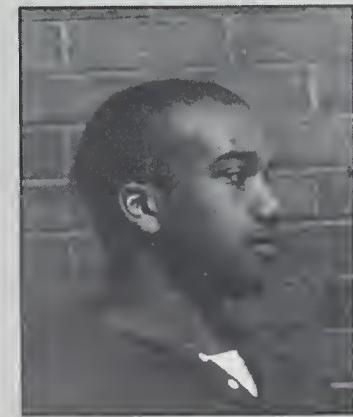




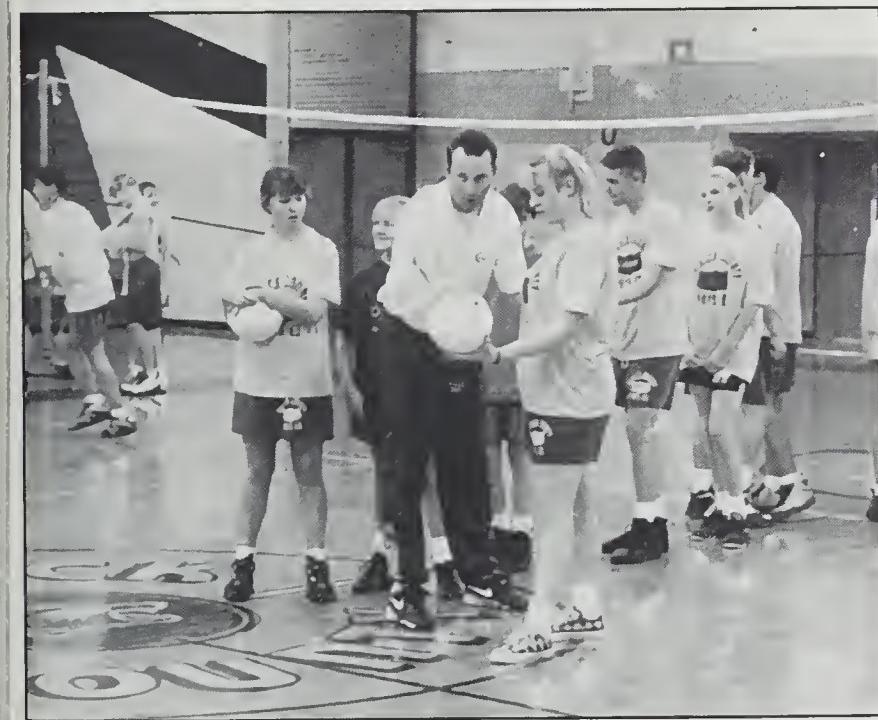
Line up! Mr. Brian Turman, P. E. teacher, divides the class into teams to play volleyball. Students participated in many sports where teamwork was essential.



Smack! Steven Fain draws back to hit the ball over the net. Strength was important for a variety of sports activities in P. E. class.



"Whoever thought trying to get strong would be so hard?"
Quinn Brim

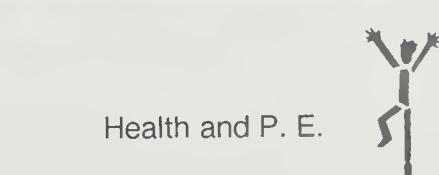


Careful now. Mr. Brian Turman shows Jessica Lawson the proper way to serve. P. E. teachers helped students with their form or approach to improve students' games.

Kick it! Sophomore D. J. Martin kicks the ball with great force. Dedicated athletes and coaches stayed after school to practice.



"In Drivers Education we learn the rules of the road and safe driving tactics." David Vaughn



"I just love Driver's Ed., because I think it is interesting." Susan Culler



"I love Human Anatomy, because I get to do cool stuff in lab and learn about the human body in health and disease." Robyn Boyd



"I am glad I waited until 12th grade to take Earth Science. Mr. Weber rules!"
Danielle Muller



"I love Biology because it is awesome, especially the dissecting of animals." Jessica Kendrick



Vroom, Vroom! Sophomore Matt Wood is enjoying his new school transportation. Hands-on experiments in science classes really added to the lessons.

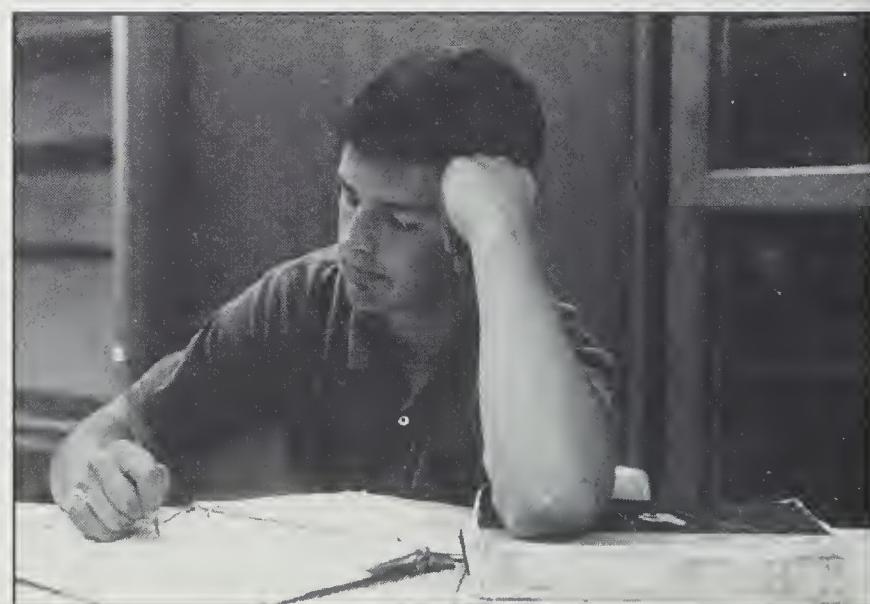


Do what? Senior Allison Slate completes her project in Biology class. Projects and experiments added so much to classes.



What's up? Sophomore Matt Dunlap looks on as D.J. Martin accomplishes some Biology classwork. Being able to complete assignments in groups allows students the chance to learn from their peers.

Tough test. Senior Curt Akers gives some serious thought to his Biology work.





Mad Scientists. Senior Amy Nelson and Junior Jon Hutchens prepare their next big experiment. Science students often wondered what concoctions they would work with next.

What in the world? Junior James Fulcher watches intently as students complete their experiments.

Something's Fishy

"What's up on the science hall?" This could have been called a familiar phrase because of the mysterious and wonderful things that occurred there. Where other than Ms. Brenda Martin's room would students have found a shark being dissected? With who else but Mr. Gerald Culler would students have found a shipment of frogs who had lost their hop?

The science hall was a fascinating place to wander. There was always something bubbling in Mrs. Debbie Blackwell's or Mrs. Mary Alice Hayes' room. "Human

Anatomy is an interesting class," says Geneva Hylton.

Whether lab projects were being performed or instruction went by the book, class was always a blast. Lucky classes got to see the routine feeding of Mr. Culler's ball python, Medusa, or grab the leash and collar on Ms. Martin's frisky iguana.

There could not have been a zanier, more educating place in the school than the science hall with occasional shrieks and teachers flying into the hall to catch "whatever it was" that had escaped.





Les Classes de Francais et Espagnols

What would life have been like without our beloved foreign language classes? Not a day could go by without the benefit of the knowledge from "Madame" or "Senora." Passing notes in a foreign language was common to hide the message from overseers.

The craziest things could happen in foreign language classes. Only in Spanish class would you get your ears pulled on your birthday. French class was the place to be seen for the "petit dejeuner de les francais" (French

breakfast) or a restaurant scene where there was a waiter and customer performing a small skit. Foreign languages opened students' eyes to new and different cultures.

Knowledge of different languages were beneficial to businesspeople as they conversed from country to country. Speaking in different languages would become a huge part of students' lives in the future. Students gave the indication that they would never quit a foreign language class. "I think taking a foreign language is really fun and challenging," says Natasha Rucker.

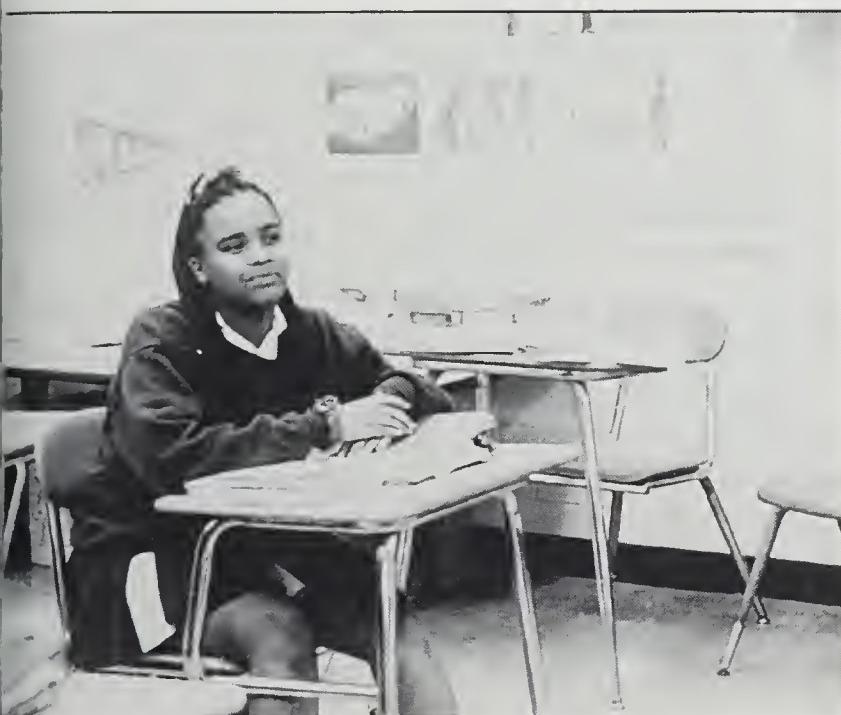
Francais est le langue de l'amour. Junior Rachel Turner gives an oral presentation in French class as Christy Buckland prepares for hers. Mdm. Debbie Fultz's French IV class was small enough that extra time could be given to special projects.

Prepare to Listen. Senora Anita Knight prepares her class for working with the tape recorder. Teachers enjoyed using these because students were allowed to hear their chosen language as spoken by translators.



Hillin in Spanish Class. Sophomore Arcia Cobb adds extensively to class discussions. Teachers enjoyed students who were willing to take part in discussions.

Chalk it up! Junior Rachel Turner writes her answer on the board. Both students and teachers enjoyed using the board as a learning tool.



"It's fun because Mrs. Knight makes Spanish easy and interesting to learn." Latonya Hylton



"I like Spanish because we have a lot of fun and get to challenge our abilities to speak the language." Jodi Hancock

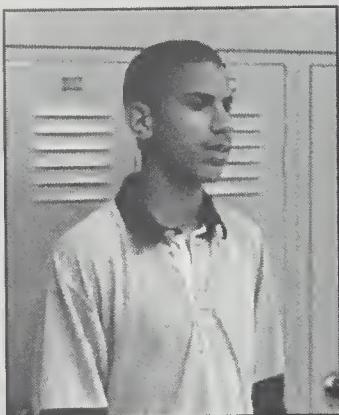


Art is art...It frees the heart. Ryan Pilson and Kris Smith, both seniors, take "hall time" to work on class projects. Spanish students were often working on projects that helped them understand what they were studying.

In a Trance. Freshman, Jodi Hancock tunes into the lecture at hand. Students enjoyed class lectures and hands-on experiences, because it allowed them to get in on the action.



"I like history, because I make straight A's." Chris King



"I think others should help a little more with the students. They would appreciate it a lot." James Pampani



"Singing is fun." Michael King



Writing on the Overhead. Ms. Lorna Dean places notes for her students on the projector.



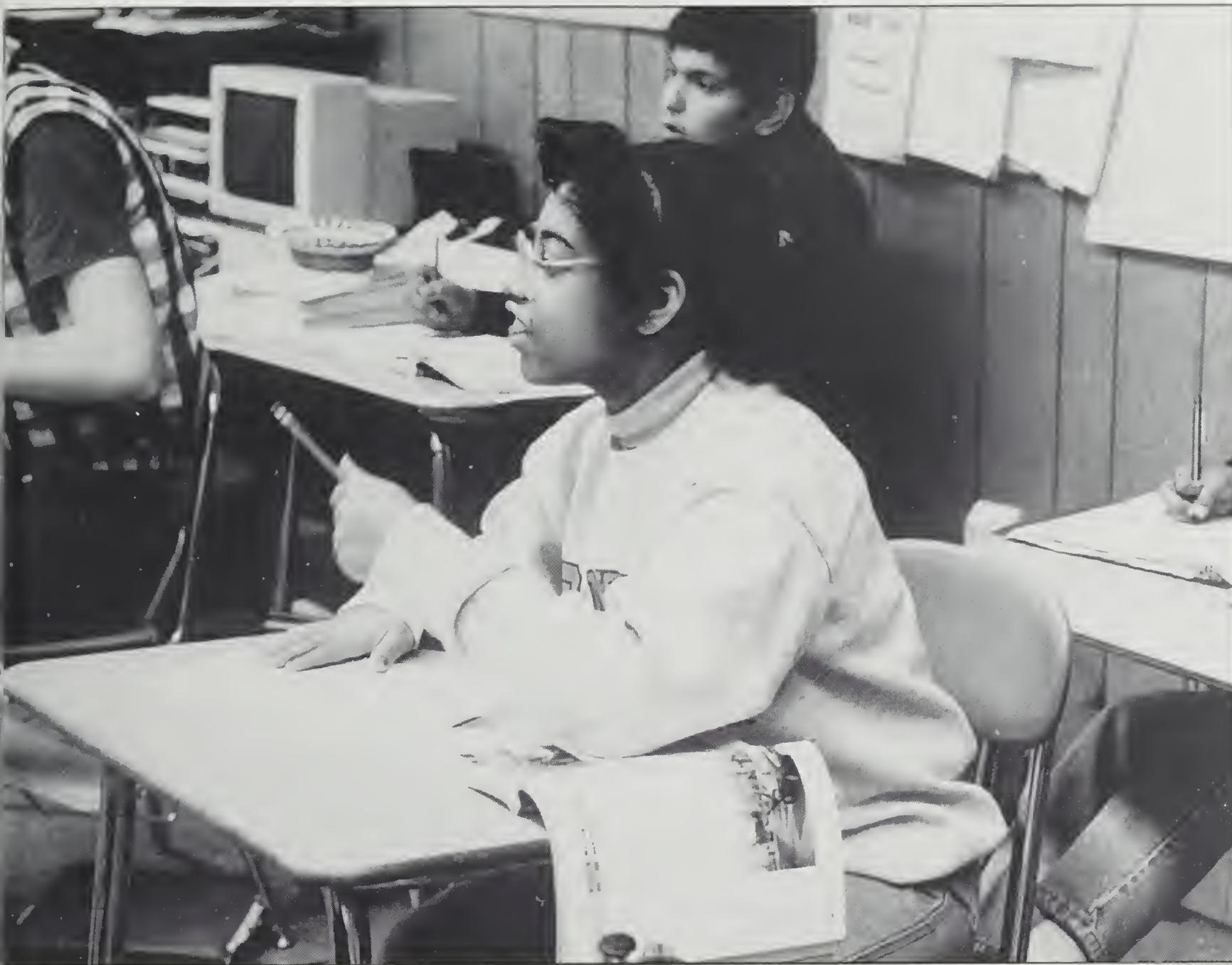
I'm ready for the next one. Monica Lively works diligently on her math.

Hmm...What will I draw next? Dwann Thomas draws his newest creation.

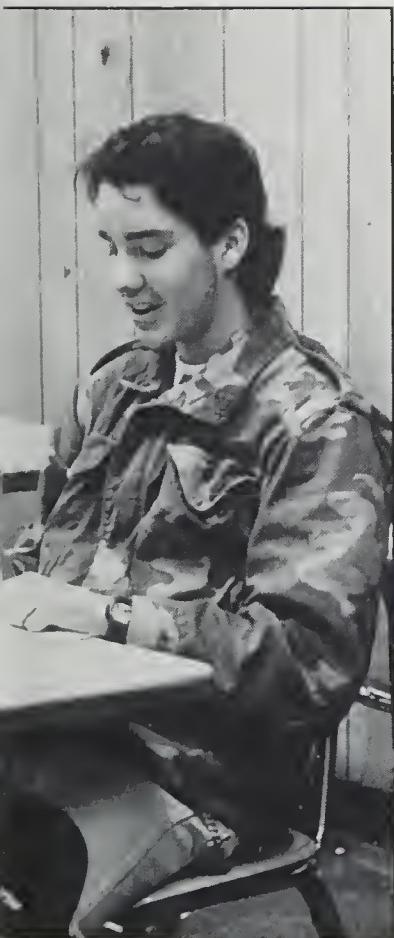


Quiet Time. That's what Mr. Matt Versluis maintains as his students work intently.





Got it! Kimberly Tatum explains the answer to her teacher's question.



Amusing! Jason Fain is pleased with the story he has just written.

Dedicated Citizens

Some of the most inviting areas in the high school were the special education classes. Full of spirit and good cheer, it was always a joy to be in the presence of the students.

Each one of the students had a "special" quality about them. By using their own type of communicating, the students could always be assured a fair education. Leaders on this "voyage" of high school education were Mrs. Melinda Comer, Ms. Lorna Dean, Mrs. Elva Haden, Mrs. Deborah Hoback, Mrs. Marsha Marcela, Mr. Charles Patterson, Mrs. Amy Short, Mr. Ricky Vernon, Mrs. Millie

Hazelwood, Mr. Matt Ver-sluis, and Mrs. Janie Layman. These leaders helped students through the subjects of math, science, health, social studies, chorus, English, and independent living skills. Students were very active in mastering academics, obtaining daily life skills, and understanding the world around them.

Daily tasks became easier as teachers understood and cared for each and every need the students had. Activities helped enhance the learning capabilities to further lengthen students' horizons. With the help of the teachers, students became ready for the future.





Less Stress...Skills!

In the real world, it's not always how smart you are that counts, it's the kind of skills you possess. Vocational classes gave students necessary skills and training. Students had a sense of security and determination as they rose into the mature world of jobs!

In vocational classes, students could learn to do anything. Such things were learning to prepare meals, make and care for garments, grow a variety of plants, learn to weld, design engineering plans, type a letter, operate essential computer programs, run a business, market products, create and care for the latest hairstyles, construct buildings, and even fix cars.

Along with all the fun, challenges faced all vocational students. "I think taking a vocational class is great for the business world and right now with so much technology, we need as much help as we can get," said Jennifer Crouse.

The skills learned would not only help during jobs, but in everyday life. For example, if John hit a mad porcupine in the middle of an abandoned desert and he had a spare tire, he would be glad he had taken Mr. Dale Steele's class. Living was just a little less stressful with these skills classes. Vocational classes prepared students with skills that would last a lifetime.

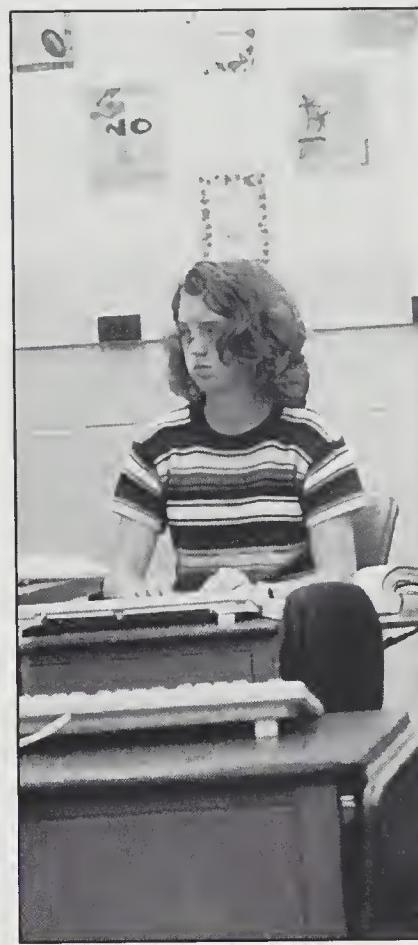
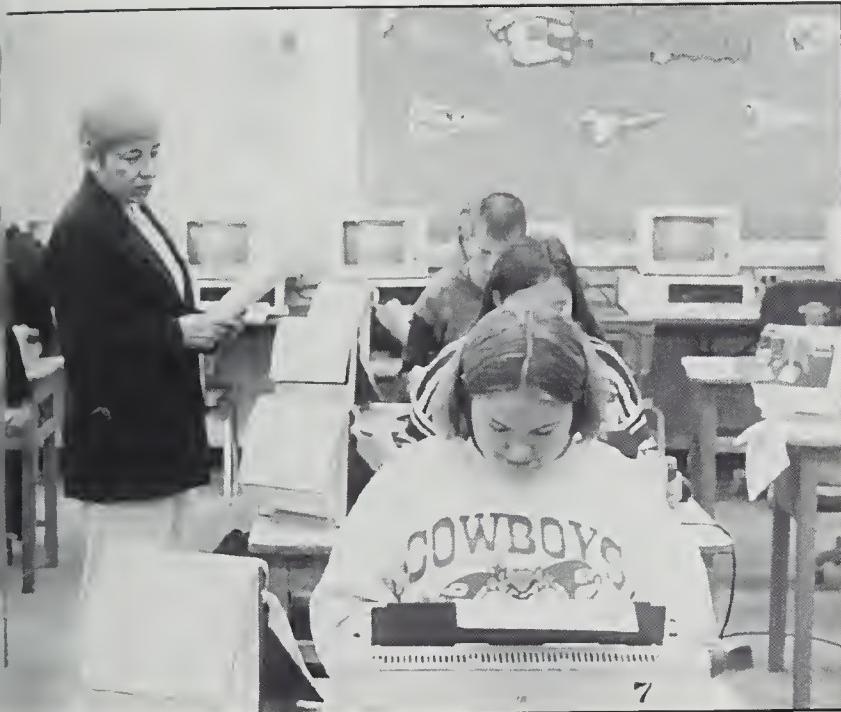
What have we got here? Mrs. Mary Jane Taylor assists Coby Hubbard as they look at the computer screen. Learning about the computer is very valuable to students.

My aching fingers! Freshman Melissa Stowe completes a typing activity in Mrs. Fern Agee's class. Knowing how to type helped students in their other classes, too.

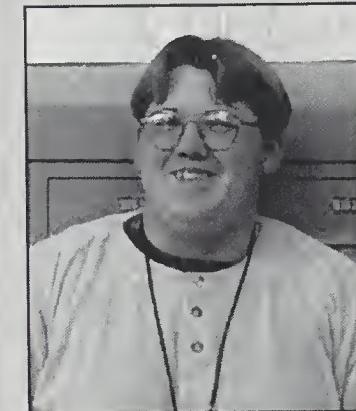


n I help you? Mrs. Fern Agee answers
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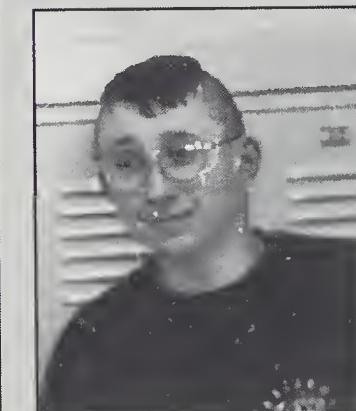
Let's take this seriously. Jennifer McK-
eithan looks intently on her computer screen
as she completes her assignment.



"Computer Information Systems is the
best." Matt Fields



"JROTC is the best
class in school." Rob
Knight



"Child Care II is one of
the best classes up
here." Deborah Jackson



Work, work, work. Sophomore John Bondurant wheels a load of mulch out to the courtyard. Mr. Wendell Terry's Horticulture class conducted a beautification project on the courtyard.

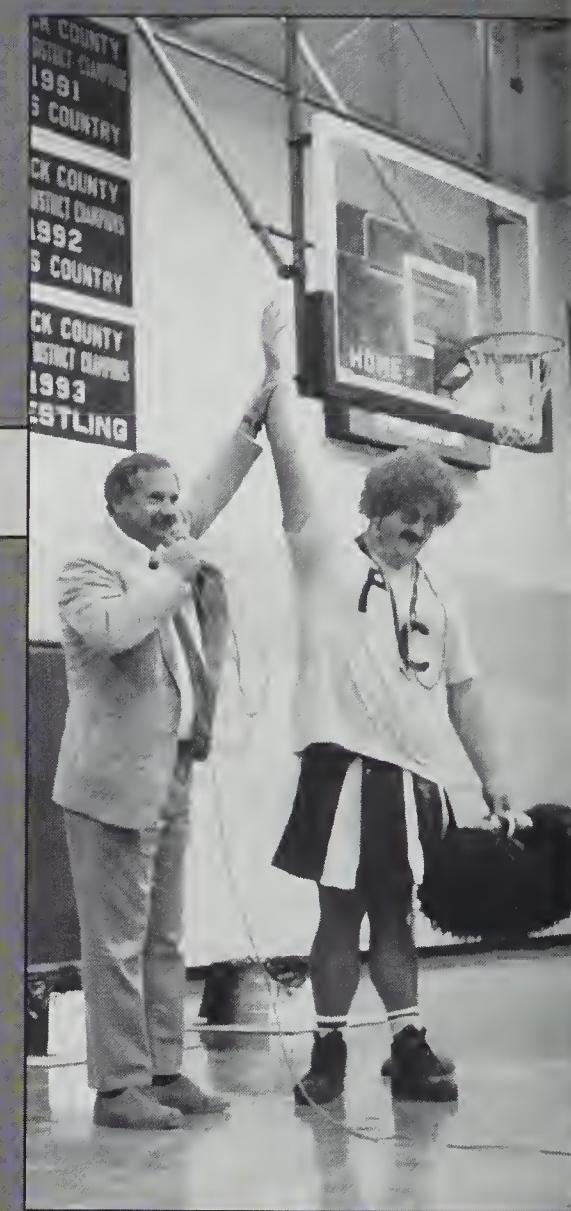
Trick or Treat! Halloween sparked creativity
and fun in Mrs. Helen Boyd's Cosmetology
class as Pam Cassell got a new hairdo for the
occasion.



FLURRY OF FACES

Everywhere you looked they were there: faces, faces, and more faces. In class, walking down the hall, in the cafeteria, in the gym, and everywhere! People made an impact on our lives everyday. Friends, teachers, and even the person we bumped into coming out of class changed how our lives progressed.

As the days slipped by, students could always find a friend in the "flurry of faces."



"And the winner is . . ." Principal, Bill Dillon congratulates the winner of the Halloween dress up contest, Mr. Gary Crews. Gary's unique costume was chosen to be the best by the cheers of the students at the assembly.

Perfect Form. Eydie Smith takes a dive at DeHart Park during summer break. Eydie was a lifeguard and got experience that helped her improve her life-saving skills.





Just passing time. Leevi Barnard blocks out everything around him and concentrates on his music. CD players and walkmans were common sights on buses and helped pass the time on the long ride to school.



Joe Cool. Assistant Principal, Mr. Glenn Blackburn, strolls the corridors while on hall duty. Teachers and administrators kept their eyes and ears alert to catch students skipping class or smoking in the restrooms.



JAMES CURTIS AKERS
III- Beta 8-12; Bball 8,10,
Mgr. 9; Golf 8-12; Span. 9-
12; Vars. 9-12; **ARTHUR
A. ANTHONY IV-** Beta 8-
12; Span. 8-12, Pres. 12;
Vars. 9-12; Cross Country
9-12; Bball 8-10; Track
8,9,11; **MELISSA GAIL
AYERS-** FBLA 11,12, Sec.
12; Span. 9,10.

RENE' BARNARD- Cheer
8-10; Chorus 10-12; Fren. 8;
FBLA 9,12; PARTY 8;
TRAVIS J. BASH- Wres.
10,12; Beta 9-12; Track 8,9;
Vars. 10,12; Fren. 10,11;
**CHRISTIAN P. BATCHEL-
LER-** Vars. 10-12, 11,12
Pres.; Beta 11,12, Vice Pres.;
Fball 9-12; Baseball 8-12;
Bball 9-12; Span. 8-12, SCA
Rep. 9,11.

**JOHNNY WESLEY
BELCHER-** Baseball
10, Auto Mechan. 10-
12; **JODY DEAN
BEVINS-** County Spell-
ing Champ. 8, Span. 8-
10; Challenge 8-12; **NA-
THAN BIGGS-** Bball 8-
12; Golf 8-12; FFA 12;
Vars. 9-12.

**JULIA LUCIAN
BLEVINS-** JROTC 9,
Drill Team; DECA 10;
FBLA 9; Who's Who 10;
WILLIAM LEE BOLES-
Bball 8-10; Soccer 8-10;
FCA 8-10; Baseball 8-
10; Ger. 11,12; **KIM
BOWMAN.**

**SUSAN ELIZABETH BOW-
MAN-** FBLA 8-12; COE 12;
JASON DOUGLAS BOYD-
Fball 8,9; **ELISSA ANN
BRIM-** PARTY 8,9,11; FHA
10,12; SCA Rep. 9; **MARIS-
SA LYNN BRIM-** PARTY
8,9,11; FHA 10,12, Report.;
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BRYANT-** FBLA 9-12;
Who's Who 11; Sr. Steering
Committee.

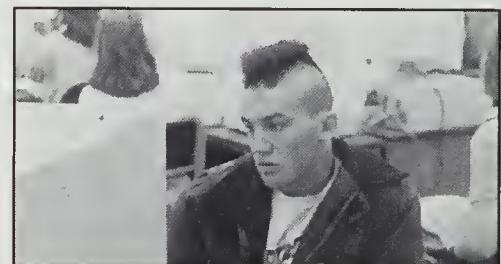
**JACOB GABRIEL BUL-
LINS-** VICA 10; Art
11,12; **CHRISTINA LOU-
ISE BUTTON-** FHA 10-
12; Up. Bound 10-12; **RY-
AN JENNY BUTTON-**
JROTC 10-12, Color Grd.,
Drill Tm. 10,11, Rifle
Tm., Staff 11,12; **NICOLE CARROLL;**
LURENDA CASSADY.



What about those senior privileges?



"I like being able to park in the higher level. It's a shorter walk in the mornings." Stephen Walker



"There shouldn't be any; most underclassmen work harder than we do." Shawn Stanley



After twelve years of hard work students deserved some rewards and for seniors the rewards were their senior privileges.

Although the seniors still had to follow the rules, their privileges allowed them to live their school lives a little easier.

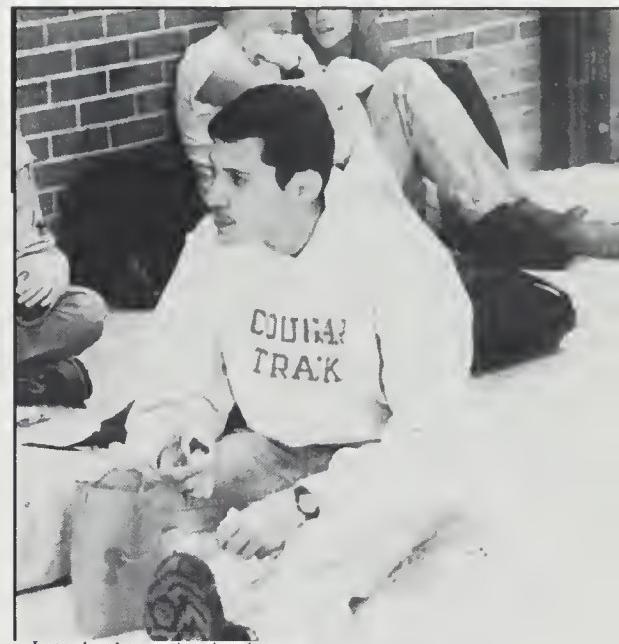
Many students just like Daniell Clark said, "The privileges are good, but they need to be enforced." Seniors received the senior parking lot, senior table, senior corner, senior door, and senior lunch line as some of their privileges. Senior table and senior corner were the places to hear the latest gossip. The senior parking lot allowed seniors to be closer to the school so they would

Senior Benefits

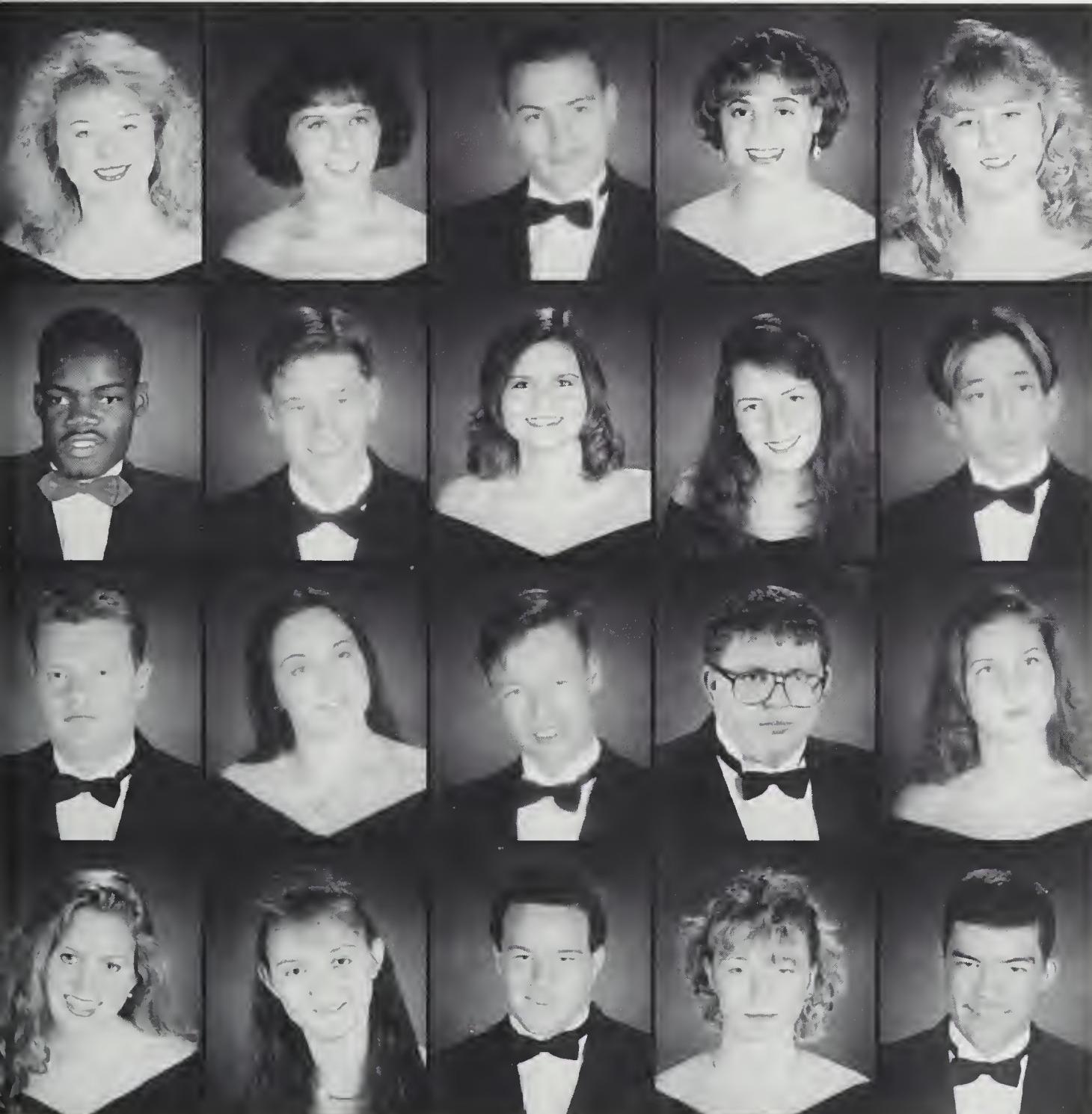
not have to walk as far as other students who drove to school.

Seniors also received the respect of underclassmen, because they knew that the trash cans were not far away. Students had to remember that seniors were

only "overlords" for one year, so they might as well have helped seniors excel in their "rule of the school."



Late Again, senior Art Anthony eats his breakfast in his reserved seat at the senior corner.



PAMELA CASSELL; TRICIA CAUDILL; DANIEL CHILTON; CORTINA DANIELL CLARK- Bball 9-11; Track 8-12; Span. 8-12; Step Tm. 11; PARTY 11; Vars. 10,11; Upward Bound 8-12; SCA Rep. 12; **MANDY COLEMAN-** Span. 8; FBLA 9; VICA 10-12; Cosmet. 1-3.

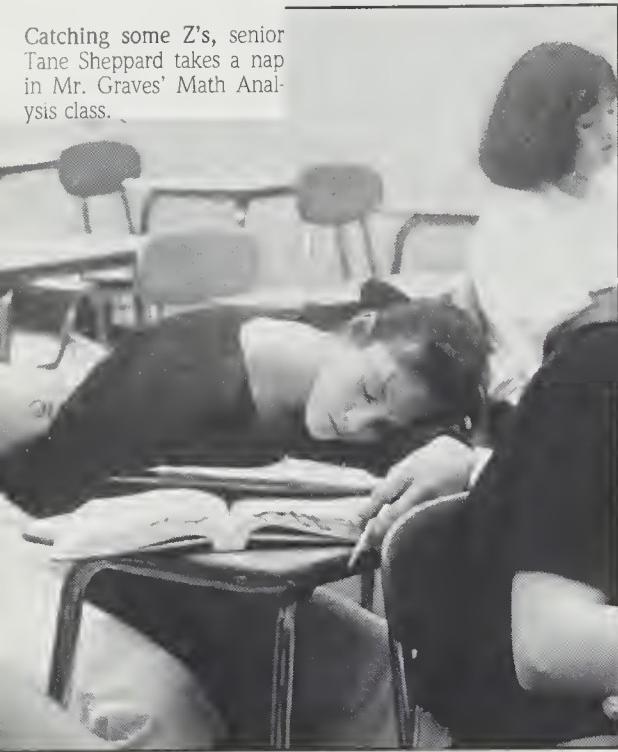
JAMES COLES; CHRIS COLLINS; KELLY AMBER COLLINS- Vball 8; PARTY 8,9; Span. 8-12; Beta 8-12; **KILEY CONNER; MICA D. CONNER-** Health Careers 9; Art 10-12.

BRENT CORNS- Bball Mgr. 9,10; Vars. 10,11; DECA 10-12; TSA 9; **RACHEL CRANK; SHAWN CROUSE-** Golf 10-12; Art 10-12; Chorus 12; **JOHN CRUISE-** Fball 8-11; Wres. 8; Beta 8,9; Color Grd. 12; VICA 12; **SUSAN CUMMINGS-** Cheer 8-12; SCA Sec. 11,12; Fren. 8-12; Beta 8-12; HC 8-10,12; Vars. 10-12.

TABITHA DALTON- Span. 9,11; FBLA 10,12; Chorus 12; **PEARL DeGARMO-** FHA 9,10,12; **JAMES DILLON IV-** Fball 9-12; Baseball 10; Bball 8; Vars. 11,12; Span. 9; **TAMMY DILLON; DARIN DOSS-** Baseball 9-12; Bball 10-12; Fball 9; Vars. 10-12.



Catching some Z's, senior Tane Sheppard takes a nap in Mr. Graves' Math Analysis class.



Many students cared about their grades in school, performance in their extra curricular activities, and their appearance to others. On the other hand, there were times when students could care less. Then, there were students who didn't care about anything at any time.

Apathy found its place in everyone at some point. When Spring arrived many students were struck with spring fever and had very apathetical attitudes about everything. Many students felt that they wouldn't pass their classes so they didn't try and didn't care.

When asked, "What do you think about apathy?" Art Anthony answered

Who Cares?

with, "I don't care."

Sarah Dean stated, "I agree with Art." Plenty of students probably agreed with both Sarah and Art, but the teachers did not. Teachers were here to teach students, and they were disappointed when students had apathetic attitudes.

Mrs. Amy Marshall stated, "There is no place for apathy in this world."

Although apathy was an easy way out, apathy was not something that students needed to possess.

AMY DUNHAM; MICK-EY EDWARDS- Art 8-12, Hist. 12; **KYLE ERICKSON-** Art 12; **CHRISTINA FELTS-** Span. 8; Beta 9; Flag Corp. 9-12, Capt. 11,12; **BRENT FERGUSON-** Soccer 9-11; Florida All-State Soccer Defense 11; Baseball 9.

MEREDITH FIX- Cheer. 8-12; Vars. 10-12; Fren. 8-12; **CINDY FOLEY-** Cosmet. 10-12; **KATHRYN FRISCO-** FFA 9-12, Tres. 11, Pres. 12; **CYNTHIA FULCHER-** Cosmet. 10-12; **BECKY GAYLOR-** FHA 10; Art 11,12.

MARY GREGORY- FBLA 8-12; Flag Corp. 12; **SHANNON GRIFFIN-** Span. 8-11; FEA 9,10; DECA Pres. 12; Cosmet. 10,11; **JEFF HALL-** Span. 8-10; **AMY HANDY-** Vball 8-10; Vars. 10-12; VICA 10,11; Cosmet. 10, 11; **BILLY HANDY.**

STEVE HARDIN- VICA 10-12; **MATT HARN-SBERGER-** Golf 8-12; Vars. 9-12; VICA 11,12; TSA 8-10; **MICHAEL HARRELL-** DECA 11,12; **MARY HARTMAN-** Chorus 8-10; FBLA 12; **JESSICA HAYNES-** Cosmet. 10-12.



What is your definition of apathy?



"That's a good question. Ask the dictionary." Amy Nelson



"It means I don't care." Ryan Vaughn



SUMMER LEE HELMS- Span. 8; SCA Rep. 8,12; FBLA 9-12, Hist. 10,12, Report. 11; **MEGAN HINES-** Bball 8-10; Track 10,11; Cheer. 11; Step team 11,12; PARTY 11,12; Span. 8,9,11; Vars. 10-12; FBLA 10; **AMY MICHELLE HOLT.**

STEVEN HOLT- FFA 9,10; VICA 11,12; **JOSHUA HOPKINS-** Tennis 8-12; Bball Mgr. 12; Math team 11,12; Journalism 12; Vars. 10-12; **MELISSA HOPKINS-** TSA 8; Span. 9, VICA 10; Art 11; DECA 12; JROTC 11,12; Who's Who 10-12.

COBY LEE HUBBARD- Beta 8-12; Span. 8-10; TSA 11-12; Wres. 11; **JUDY LYNN HUBBARD-** FBLA 9; VICA 11,12; Tutor 11; **BRADLEY MICHAEL HUGHES-** FFA 9-12; Band 9.

CARISSA HUGHES- Fren. 8,9,11; Who's Who 9,11,12; PARTY 12; **TINA HUGHES-** Beta 8-12; JROTC 10-12, Color Grd., Drill Tm. 10-12, Batt. Comm. 12; Who's Who 11,12; **VALERIE HUGHES-** Cheer. 8,9; Cosmet. 10-12; SCA Rep. 12.

L.J. HUTCHENS- VICA 11,12; **TERESA HUTCHENS-** Beta 8-12; Band 8-12; **RAY HYLTON-** Fball 8,11,12; Bball 9-12; **APRIL JACKSON-** Vball 9-12; Band 8-12; **DEBORAH JACKSON-** Band 9-12; JROTC.

DARREN JORDAN; **KIM JUSTICE-** FHA 8; Cosmet. 10-12; **JOSH KANDIES-** Wres. 8-10,12; Fren. 8-10; Chorus 10-12; **SHARONDA KING-** FBLA 9,10; Cosmet. 10-12; JROTC 12; **RUSSELL KNIGHT-** TSA 8,9; Art 11,12.



ZACH KREAGER-
Fball,Wres,Beta 8-12;
BRADLEY LAWLESS-
FFA 9-12; **MELISSA**
LAWSON- FFA 8-12;
SAMMY LAWSON-
FFA 10-12; Who's Who
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LAWSON- Cheer. 9-
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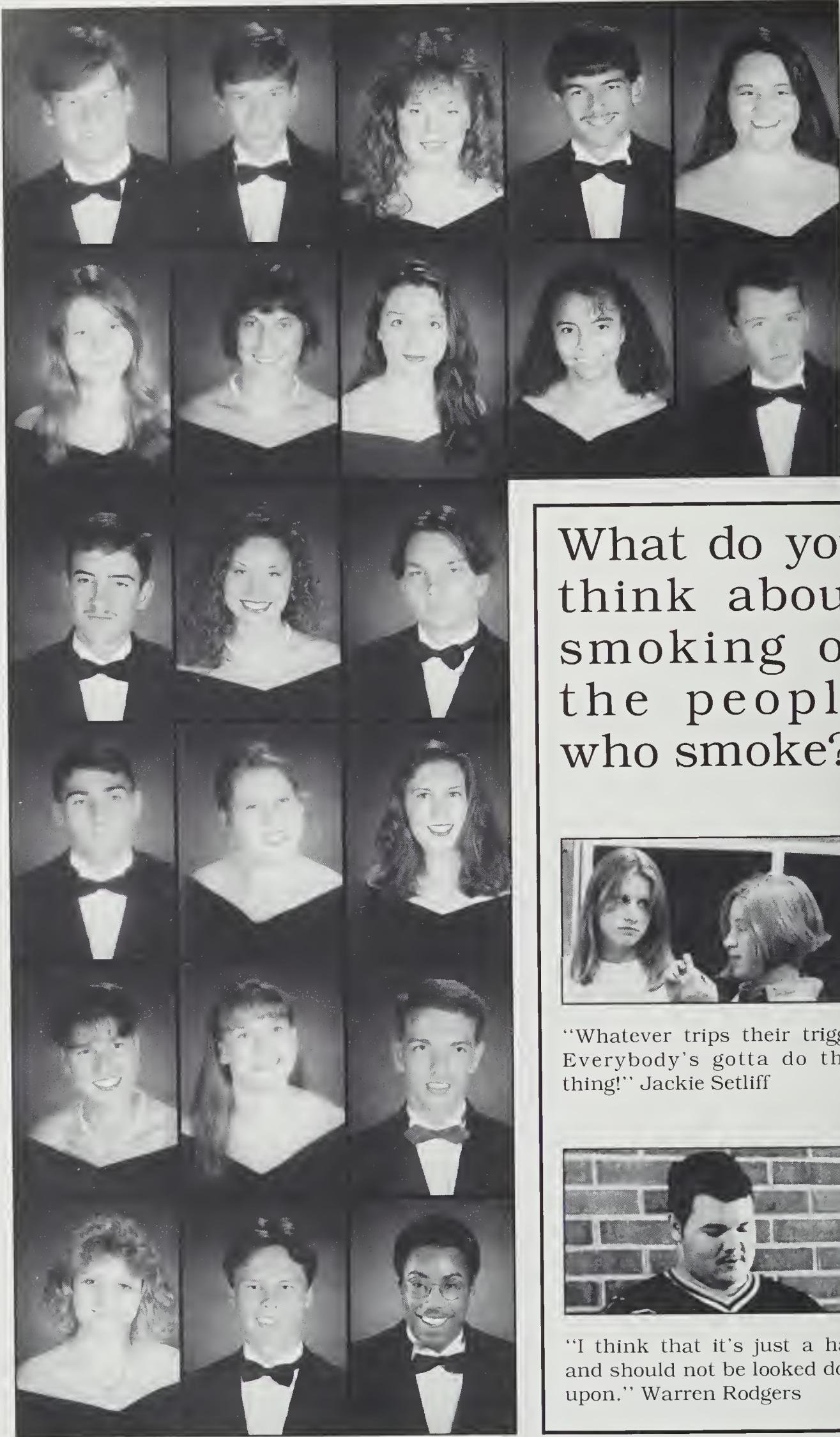
REBEKAH LAYMAN-
Beta,Span. 8-12;Who's
Who 11,12; **REBECCA**
LEEPER-
Vball,Sball,Beta, 8-12;
JENNIFER
LEFTWICH; **MARIA**
LEON; **JEREMIAH**
MABE- Track,C.C. 9-
12;VICA 11,12;FFA
9,10.

KEVIN MABE- Bsbball
8-12;FFA 8,9;VICA
11,12; **KANDY MAR-**
SHALL- HC Queen
12;Chorus 9-12; Fren.
8-11;SCA Rep. 8-
10;Cheer. 12; **KEVIN**
MARTIN- FFA
9,11;VICA 12.

DOUGLAS MARTIN-
Bsbball, Bball 8-12;Beta
8-10;Span. 9-12; **TAM-**
MY MARTIN- Span. 8-
10; Cheer. 10-12; **JEN-**
NIFER MATHENY-
Span. 8-10; Art. 11,12;
Chorus 10-12; Who's
Who.

S H I R L E Y
McARTHUR; **SARAH**
MEADE- Beta 8-12;
Span. 8-12; Who's Who;
SCA Rep. 9; Cheer 12;
ALEC MESOT- VA
State Karate Champ.
11; JROTC Drill Tm.
Comm. 11,12.

TRACY MOLES; **LU-**
CAS MOLLER- C.C. 12;
Bball 12; Tennis 12;
BRANDON MOORE-
SCA Rep. 8,9,10; SCA
Report. 9; Fren. 8,9,11;
PARTY 10,12.



What do you
think about
smoking or
the people
who smoke?



"Whatever trips their trigger.
Everybody's gotta do their
thing!" Jackie Setliff



"I think that it's just a habit
and should not be looked down
upon." Warren Rodgers





DANIELLE MULLER- Vball, Span., Beta 8-12;
AMY NELSON- Bball, Vball, Beta 8-12; Who's Who 10-12; **JESSICA NELSON-** Cheer, Fren. 8-11; Who's Who 11;
ANGELIA NOONKESTER- Bball 8-12; Fren. 9-11; **ROBERTA NOURSE.**

RYAN PILSON- Fball 8, 10-12; Beta 8-12;
DANIEL QUESENBER-RY- TSA 8, 9;
SHAVONDA REDD- JROTC 10-12, Drill tm;
NATHAN REGISTER- FFA 10-12; **DeWAYNE ROBERSON-** Science 11; PARTY 12.

PATRICIA RODGERS- Cosmet. 10-12; JROTC 10-12; **WARREN RODGERS-** Fball 8-11; Wres. 9, 10; Span. 8-12; Vars. 9-12; **JOHN RUCKER;** **KRISTEN RUNGE-** Beta 8-12; Span. 8-12; Band 9-12; Vars. 9-11; **DARRIEL SALMONS.**

FARRAH SCOTT- FBLA 9, 10, 12; Cosmet. 10-12; **JENNIFER SCOTT-** Cosmet. 10-12; **ERICA SEHEN-** Span. 9-11; **CRISTY SET-LIFF;** **JACKIE SET-LIFF-** Vball 8-12; Sball 10-12; C.C. 11, 12; Beta 8-12; Fren. 8-12; SCA Rep. 12.

Some students had the habit of smoking, and they usually did not quit when they came on school grounds. Bathrooms were used as breakrooms between classes.

Whether or not students smoked, they often ended up carrying the aroma of cigarette smoke after entering the bathrooms. Sarah Dean stated, "I couldn't stand it when I walked into the bathroom and it was filled with cigarette smoke"

Teresa Hutchens said, "I felt very humiliated when I walked out of the restroom and a teacher asked me if I had been smoking. It was only because of the other people smoking in the

Troublesome Habits

bathrooms."

Yet while students smoked, there were also those who detested the habit. Matthew Clement commented, "Smoking is a disgusting habit. It just hurts everyone."

Mr. Nelson McConnell added, "I smoked for twenty years and at that time I thought it was great, but now I'm smarter. It took

me twenty years to get this smart."

Matthew Turner had a tip for the guys. "Most girls don't want to kiss a cigarette."



Smokin' in the boys' room,
Mr. Ricky Vernon was making sure the bathroom was smoke free.



M I T C H E L L

SHEPPARD- Span. 9-12; Bball 8-12; Fball 8-10; Who's Who 10-12;
TANE SHEPPARD- Bball 8-12; Track 8-12; Span. 8-10; Ger. 11-12; FCA 12; Who's Who 10,11; **AMY SHOUGH**- Cosmet. 11,12.

ALLISON SLATE-

Sball 8-12; C.C. 11; Beta 8-12; Span. 8-12; SCA Rep. 11; Vars. 9-12;
CELENA SMITH- PARTY 10-12; Track 8;
KRISTOFFER SMITH.

ZACH SMITH; SHAWN

STANLEY- Wres. 8-12; Bball 9,10,12; Fball 8-12; Fren. 8-12; Chorus 10; Vars. 10-12;
CHRISTY STEVENS.

TIMMY SUTPHIN;

TRACY TATUM- FBLA 11,12; Flag Corp. 10-12;
JOHN TAYLOR- Fren. 8-12; Band 9-12; Beta 11-12.

HOLLY TERRY

- Vball 8-12; Sball 10-12; Beta 9-12; Annual Staff; **COREY THOMAS**- Fball, SCA Rep. 8-12; **LAURA THOMAS**- Band 8-12; Chorus 11,12; **ANGELA THOMPSON**- FBLA 11,12; **MANDY TRENT**- Span., Beta 8-12.

STEPHEN TURNER-

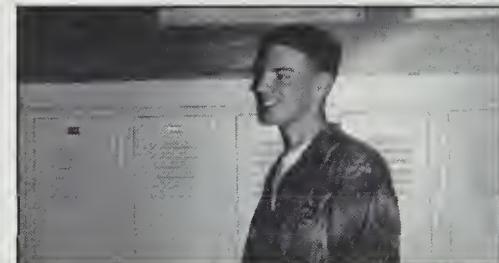
Fball 8-12; Wres. 10-12;
RYAN VAUGHN- Golf 8-12; Ten. 10-12; Vars. 9-12; Span. 8-10; Cl. Off. 8,9,11; Yrbk. 10-12;
HOLLY VERRAN- Span. 8-10; Cosmet. 10-12;
JIMMY VIPPERMAN- Bball 11,12; **SPENCER VIPPERMAN**.



What is
your
favorite
high school
memory?



"Watching the football team beat Dan River and seeing all the football players so happy." Holly Terry



"April 29, 1995, the day that I competed in and won my first national karate tournament." Alec Mesot



Back in the Days

New arrivals walked through the doors. It was the first day in "Greenie Land." Students did not know where they were, had been, or were going. They would not ask him, he was too old. It might have caused them a trip to the trash can.

Students were back for a second year. New faces arrived and old ones returned. Scholars were taught that "x" and "y" were not just in the alphabet; they were numbers, too. Classes were harder, teachers were stricter, and jokes were in the halls.

Then it was almost the half-way point; sophomore year. Students changed. The guys were finally taller than the girls.

College was brought into perspective with only two years left. S.A.T.'s were not Saturdays anymore; tests were the future. The Jr./Sr. Prom was held; what a night!

Finally, the last year came. Friendships were as strong as a steel chain. College applications were all that seniors got in the mail. Many hours were spent on

the job and studying. April arrived and "Senioritis" struck. Lastly, graduation night came. Tears flowed, shouts of joy were heard, and freedom was found.

Congratulations to me! Senior Amy Nelson deserved congratulations for her memorable 1000 point basketball career. Amy led the Lady Cougars to a very successful season.



Yeah right, Wyshona! Seniors Danielle Muller, Kristen Runge, Teresa Hutchens, and Wyshona Lawson remember the day when Wyshona hit a parked car in a Pizza Hut parking lot while driving Kristen's parent's car.



SCOTT WAGONER- VICA 11; **DEREK WALKER;** **STEPHEN WALKER-** SCA Pres. 12, VP 11, Hist. 10; Fren. 8-12; **TABITHA WALKER;** **LAKISHA WEBSTER-** Band, Span. 9-11; FHA 12; JROTC 10.



AARON WHITWELL- C.C., Track, Vars. 9-12; **ROBERT WIMBISH;** **JASON WOOD-** Bball 8-12; Vars. 11-12; Beta 11-12; Span. 8-11; TSA 12; **LORI WOOD-** Span. 8; Cheer. 8-10; Chorus 10-11; DECA 11, 12; **BRANDON HANDY.**





Paper or plastic? Junior Chad Corns works at Lowes Foods bagging groceries after school and on weekends to earn a little extra money.



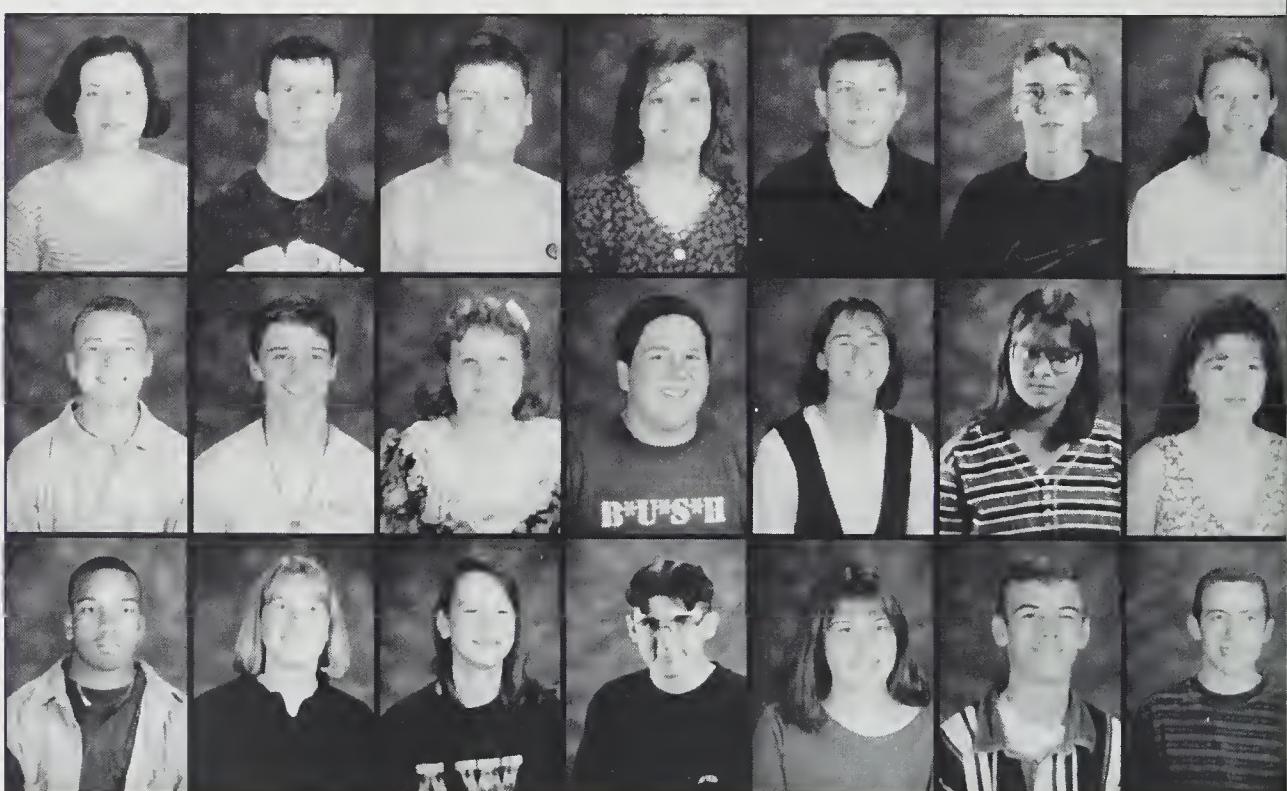
Why do you have a job?

"Everybody has a 'job' here on earth. We just don't always get paid for it." Katie Barrow

Amanda Adkins
Clyde Agee
Charles Anglin
Tori Bailey
Jason Barnard
Glen Barrett
Katie Barrow

Marty Benz
Chad Bowman
Dianna Bowman
Josh Bowman
Amy Boyd
Heather Boyd
Melinda Boyd

Quinn Brim
Christy Buckland
Reagon Carter
Reggie Cassady
Wendy Clark
Josh Clement
Matthew Clement





ot fun in the summertime!! Junior Eydie nith catches some rays while working at eHart Park. Being a lifeguard is a lot of fun, it also a big responsibility. Students had

jobs during the summer since they were too busy during the school year.

A story to read in English, a page of problems in Math Analysis, a chapter test in Physics, football practice, and a job. What? A job? Yes, in some instances students added one more activity to their lives to pay for a car, dates, classes, and recreation. Students had found that money did not grow on trees and that they really did have to work.

As with all new things, mistakes happened in jobs. Amy Williams knew just how it felt to make a fool of yourself on your first day. "I worked in the concession stand at DeHart Park and my first day was a real learning experience," said Amy.

Michelle Cockerham
Michael Coleman
Joseph Collins
Janie Conner
Chad Corns
Marlina Cox
Leanne Cox

Kimberly Culler
Sarah Dean
Alicia DeHart
Jason Dillon
Stacy Dillon
Daniel Duncan
Summer East

Kimberly Eastman
Scott Eastridge
Regina Edwards
Deanna Fain
Jonathan Fain
Raina Feron
Eric Fulcher

James Fulcher
Jennifer Fulp
Scott Gammons
Jason Goins
Jeff Gore
Daniel Gray
Joey Gunter

Working Nine to Five!!

"Always ask questions about anything you do not know about. I was fixing chili for the hot dogs, and I had to put it into the crock pot, but I put it into the heating element instead of the pot and chili was everywhere. I was very embarrassed!"

Many students considered school a job in itself. Mr. Stephen Henderson stated, "I was talking to a college freshman and he considered his first year of college a job because he was paying for his classes."

School had to be taken seriously, just like a job, but sometimes students did not work as hard at school as they did at work.



Tiffany Gunter
Laura Haden
Charity Hagwood
Alan Hamm
Jeff Hamm
Terri Hamm
Brandon Handy



Josh Handy
Rochelle Hatcher
Jon Helms
Doug Hensley
Aaron Hill
Nathaniel Hill
Lisa Holt

He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not

As students entered high school their lives changed drastically. There were new people, faces and friends. Then, of course, there was love. Many students found themselves "in love" frequently. Along with the love came the dating.

Many students went to movie theaters in Martinsville and Mt. Airy to spend

time with their date. The malls were also a common place to find couples. When Spring rolled around, the prom was on student's minds. Many students went to the prom just as friends, but for those who shared the night with their "special someone," it was a night that they would never forget.

Along with the love came the pain. This was very apparent in Raina Feron's first love. She stated "I treated my first love like he didn't have any feelings." That's just the way some things go. Although many hearts were broken, they finally healed and the students moved on to bigger and better things.

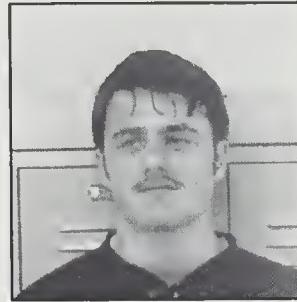
Love me tender. Seniors Holly Terry and Stephen Turner spend some time together after school. Couples were often seen with each other every free minute they had.

Lunchtime finally arrived. Senior Bradley Hughes and Sophomore Ginger Pace share their time at lunch in the cafeteria. Having the same lunch period was an added bonus for couples.





Describe your first love. How old were you?



"My first love was in the first grade. This girl and I used to sneak behind the classroom door and share candy." Jamie McAdams



"I've never been totally in love before. It never got serious." D. J. Patterson



"My first love was in the third grade. My friend and I shared a boyfriend. It was really cute." Sheila Bowman



"Fifteen and still going." James Pampani

Traci Holt
Andrea Hopkins
Cheryl Horton
Anitra Huff
Rebecca Hurley
Jon Hutchens
Phillip Hutchens

Geneva Hylton
Robby Hylton
Jared Jessup
Kevin Johnson
Lee Jones
Amy Joyce
Matthew Kirkpatrick

Latrivia Koger
India Lawson
Jonathan Lawson
Susie Lawson
Evan Loflin
Sarah Marshall
Wendy Massey

Tommie McAdams
Jennifer McKeithan
Robert Moore
Elizabeth Morris
Jeremy Morris
Dana Nelson
Lisa Nelson



Stacy Nester
Scott Niedjela
Tracy Owens
Angel Pack
Janice Pack
John Painter
James Pampani

D. J. Patterson
Eric Payne
Leigh Pendleton
Rachel Pendleton
Robin Pendleton
Junior Penn
Monacca Phillips

Chris Pilson
Justin Plaster
Billy Presnell
Denise Puckett
L. E. Quesenberry
Kristi Rachels
Scott Ragsdale

Bradford Rakes
Keela Rakes
Tarongular Redd
Corey Reynolds
Jennifer Reynolds
Johnny Rigney
Charlie Roberson



Chit Chat!

"Did you hear? Jessica spilled her milk on her blouse while she was driving and ran off the road."

"No, I have to tell Chad. Chad, did you hear? While Jessica was driving she spilled her milk on her blouse and almost died in a wreck."

"Oh my gosh, I'll go tell Amanda. Amanda did you hear? Jessica was drinking and driving this morning and she was in a wreck. She's at death's door."

What would someone call a usual conversation of a group of students? Gossip. What is gossip? To Christy Buckland it was "spreading juicy news, whether it was true or not." Students spread the

latest gossip during the entire school day. Although gossip usually wasn't true, it was usually the most interesting part of the conversation.

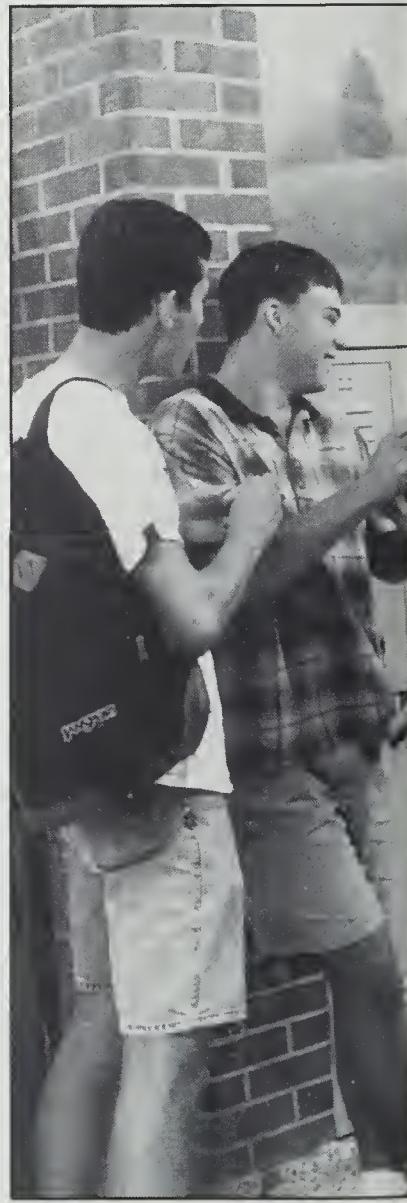
As Ada Tejeda stated, "Gossip isn't anything important. It's just talk."

Many times students didn't pay much attention to what was being said and got everything all twisted around. False statements were spread about different students throughout the year. More than once two students would find themselves talking about a story and find out that it wasn't the same story after all. Dana Nelson said, "Somebody is going to get hurt because most of the time none of it is true."

Although gossip wasn't nice students still spread it all over the school. Students found themselves passing it on for lack of other things to do. Rachel Turner stated gossip was "people wasting their time talking about other people." Most of the time this was true.

No matter how many times people got hurt by spreading gossip, it was heard everywhere throughout the school year.

Bad boys, bad boys! Seniors Art Anthony and Christian Batcheller spend their time before school sharing their pranks and jokes. Seniors were often seen plotting pranks against underclassmen.



What does the word “gossip” mean to you?



“Well, Bobby told me that it’s when you talk about a person, but Ronald said it’s when you talk about anything, but I think it’s both, ’cause that’s what Artie told me.” Jon Hutchens



A short morning stroll. The halls were the perfect place to find the latest gossip, since students regularly walked the halls in the mornings before school.

What a meeting! French club members Misty Hazelwood, Anna Clark, Amanda Sue Williams, and Giselle Batcheller enjoy some free time after a French club meeting spreading the latest “news.”

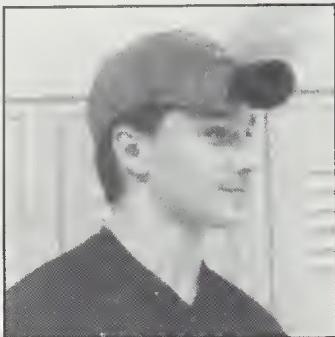
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Matt Rorrer
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Ryan Sharpe
David Short
Deena Shough

Jason Shough
Donice Smart
Troy Smart
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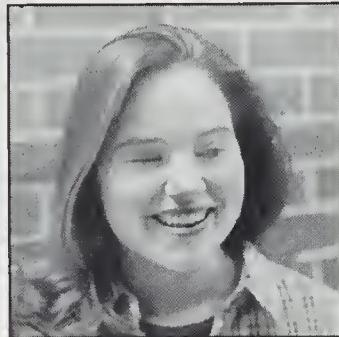
Do you think talents are hidden?



"No, I think hidden talents are talents that nobody wants to find." Chad Bowman



"If you do something new and you're good at it, it's a hidden talent." Tori Bailey



"No, I just think they need to be discovered." Rachel Turner



"They are hidden from the public but known to the holder." Dana Nelson

You gotta love the language! Members of the Patrick County Dancing Arts Center pose for a picture with their choreographer, Elliot Bradley. These students work very hard to polish their dances to perfection in addition to all their school work. These students have won numerous awards for their dances.





Rachel Turner
Samantha Turner
Joshua Vipperman
Tara Vipperman
Tonya Vipperman
Chris Waller
Ethan Weber

Holly Weber
Amanda Williams
Amy Williams
Bryan Williams
Timmy Wilson
Shanon Woodrum

Lay back and relax. After a hard ballet class Rhythm students Candice Puckett and Adrienne Hill take a break to catch their breath and think about their upcoming classes.

Jail mates. Junior class officers Rachel Pendleton, Eydie Smith, and Corey Reynolds all added their own talents to their class to make this the best year ever.



More Than Imagined

Some people had it, and some people didn't. It was talent. Students had talents, and they showed them in their own ways.

Students showed their talents through academics, athletics, fashion reviews, dance competitions, and other activities.

4-H was a great place to find talent. In the Share-The-Fun Jodi Hancock, a sophomore, showed everyone how much a shy person could say when she sang "The Rose." From this dramatic talent Jodi went to Virginia 4-H State Congress '95 where she received a sil-

ver medal. Other talents that were shown were the dancing talents of Blaire Swails, Giselle Batcheller, and Anna Clark. These

three sophomores danced to "Thank God I'm Old!" They were very comical in their portrayal of senior citizens having a fun time.

In the 4-H Fashion Revue juniors Alicia DeHart and Amy Williams represented Patrick County well in the Virginia 4-H State Congress '95. Amy and Alicia truly excelled in this competition. They won first and second, and in November Alicia participated in National 4-H Congress '95 in Memphis, Tennessee.

During the school year many students took dance classes in and around Patrick County. Shannon Rorrer, who takes dance classes in Stuart said, "Dance is a lot of fun. Going to the competitions is the hardest part, but all the work pays off."

If a student couldn't find his or her own talent, he or she needed to dig a little deeper.



Dancing for the gold. Sophomore Blaire Swails shows her talent by tap dancing to "Baby Likes to Rock It" in the auditorium. Blaire is a very active dancer.



Yeah, Yeah, That's What They All Say

"My dog ate it!"

"I was just scratching my nose, honest!"

"My leg hurts...I think it's broken!"

"I'm late because of...car trouble, yeah, car trouble."

Whether it was for your teacher, your friend, your coach, or your parents, everyone had one.

An excuse was found to be, by students, an easy way out of work or trouble. Chris Reynolds stated, "To

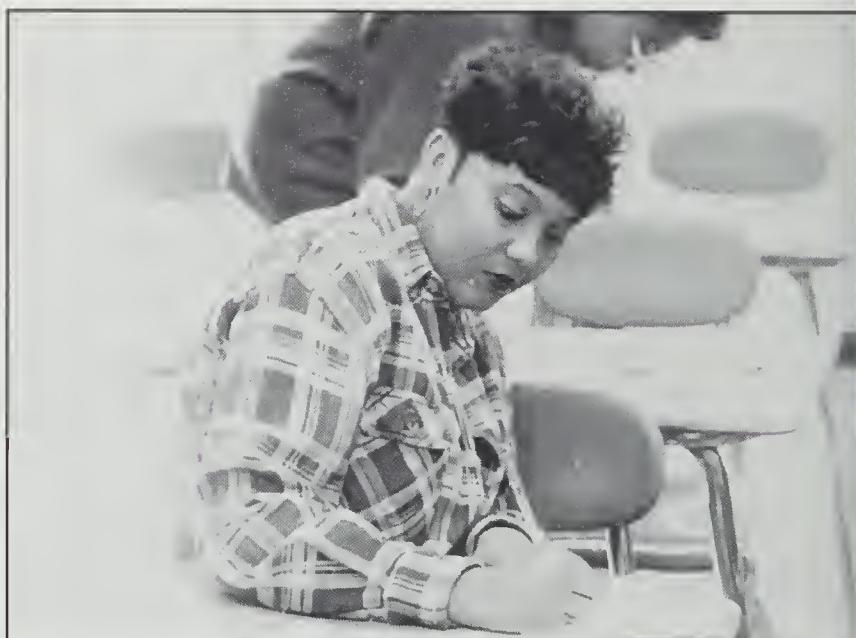
me, excuses are helpful because they really help me get out of some really hard times or troubles." In some cases, excuses proved to work impeccably. Unfortunately, for the students involved, more often than not, teachers thought them to be untrue and unbelievable. But, that wouldn't bother Clif East, as he claimed, "I don't have to make excuses; I never do anything wrong!!!"



"Zach did it!" - Doug Martin
"Curt did it!" - Zach Kreager
"Doug did it!" - Curt Akers
"O.J. did it!" - Corey Thomas

Holiday Greetings! Ms. Warren, a Junior Beta sponsor, encourages accuracy in addressing Christmas card envelopes to be sent to the Nursing Home. Every year, the Junior

Beta club members did at least one community service project for the elderly.



Neatness counts. Tenth grade Junior Beta member Shuana Penn sends best wishes for the season to nursing home residents. Stu-

dents volunteered their time to let others know they are not forgotten.





Amanda Adkins
Karen Ayers
Giselle Batcheller
Jessica Belcher
Anthony Bennett
James Booth
Angela Bowman

Robyn Boyd
Alison Brammer
Terri Brown
Sandra Bryant
Wendy Bunn
Ava Cassady
Brad Cassady

Josh Cassell
Maria Caudill
Amanda Chitwood
Anna Clark
Chad Clark
Natasha Clark
Stephen Clifton

Marcia Cobb
Ann Cobler
John Cockram
Andrea Cole
Barry Collins
Randall Collins
Tony Collins



Tenth Grade Class Officers for the 1995-1996 school year: President, Matt Dunlap; Vice President, Anna Clark; Secretary, Tina Foley.

It's not my fault! Eighth grader, Jarrett Clement, tries to talk his way out of a mistake, but turns out to be unsuccessful in doing so.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE EXCUSE?

"I was sick!!!" - Ashley Shelton son

"I don't feel good." - Anthony Joyce

"I fell asleep." - Sue Ellen Justice

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean to!" - Jennifer Thompson

"It's not my fault." - Wes East

"My locker got jammed." - Ashly John-

"My brother did it." - Jon Fain

"I ran out of gas." - Eric Fulcher

"Didn't you do the same thing when you were my age?" - Ethan Weber

"I gotta go; my dad's coming!" - Summer East

"I had to work late last night." - Tracy Tatum



Easy Come; Easy Go!

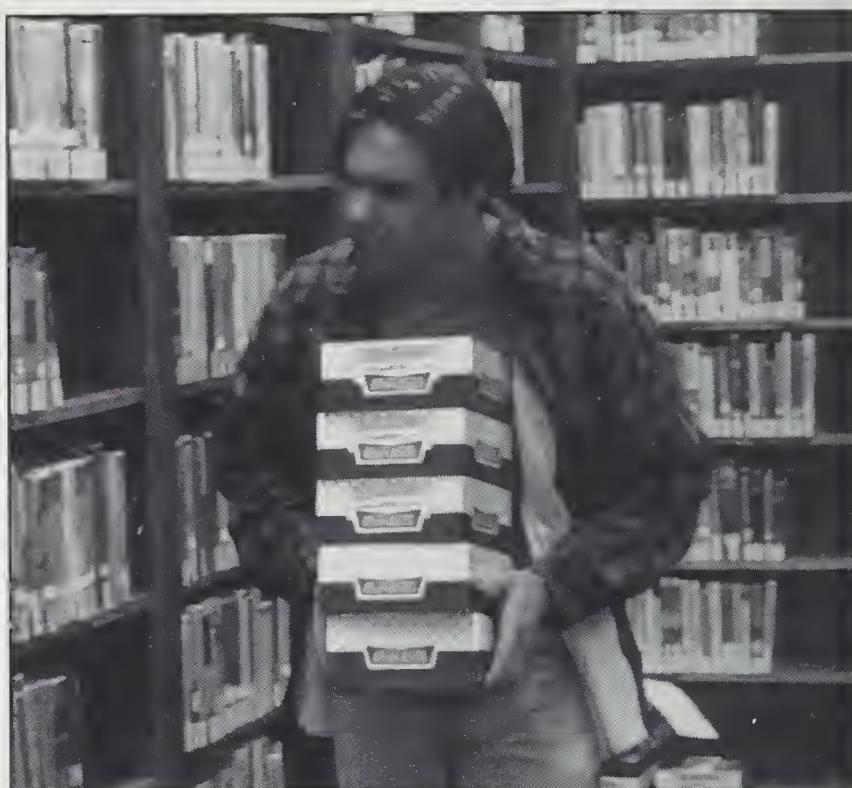
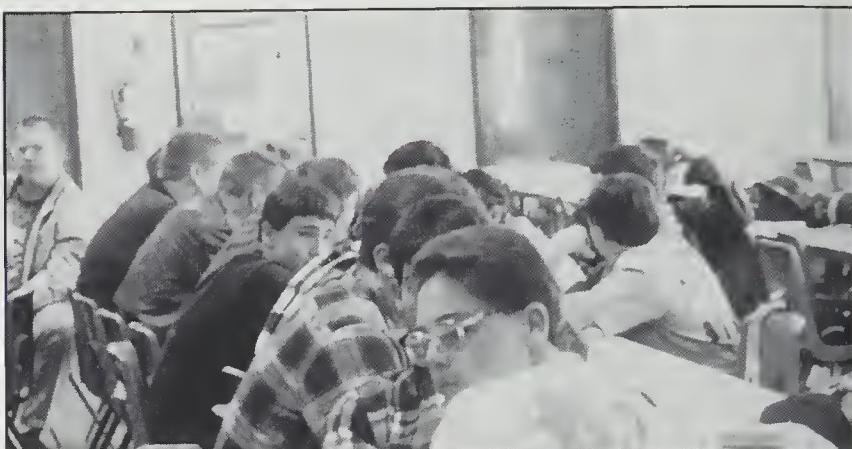
"Doughnuts?!? We have to sell those again?"

Many different fundraisers were held annually for just about every organization at the high school. A few students enjoyed fundraisers, and the rest couldn't wait to get "the stuff" off of their hands. "Selling everything you're assigned is a tough job; a lot of times more than one club would be selling at the same time," said Bryan Williams.

Some students would try to sell to family and friends,

while others ended up buying things for themselves just to get it over with. Shawn Smart didn't like dealing with all of the money involved. "I hate selling stuff because it always gets stolen or never paid for." It was a nuisance to carry things around to sell all day, every day until gone. However, without fundraising many groups wouldn't have had the money to do all of the exciting activities they conducted.

Sounds good to me. Future Farmers of America club members agree to sell oranges again for their annual fundraiser.



Moving right along. James Fulcher, a junior Senior Beta member, picks up boxes of doughnuts to deliver.

Stephanie Cox
Jennifer Crouse
Susan Culler
Rebecca Deal
Deserae Dunford
Justin Dunham
Matthew Dunlap

Wesley East
Joey Errichetti
Jason Fain
Jerrie Fain
Jonathan Fain
Matthew Fields
Amanda Fodrell

Lisa Foley
Tina Foley
Bobby Foster
Jonathan Frazier
Justin Gammons
Amanda Garrett
Michael Gilley

Jamie Goins
Oliver Gooden
Amanda Hall
Amy Hall
Melissa Hall
Angela Hamm
Jason Handy





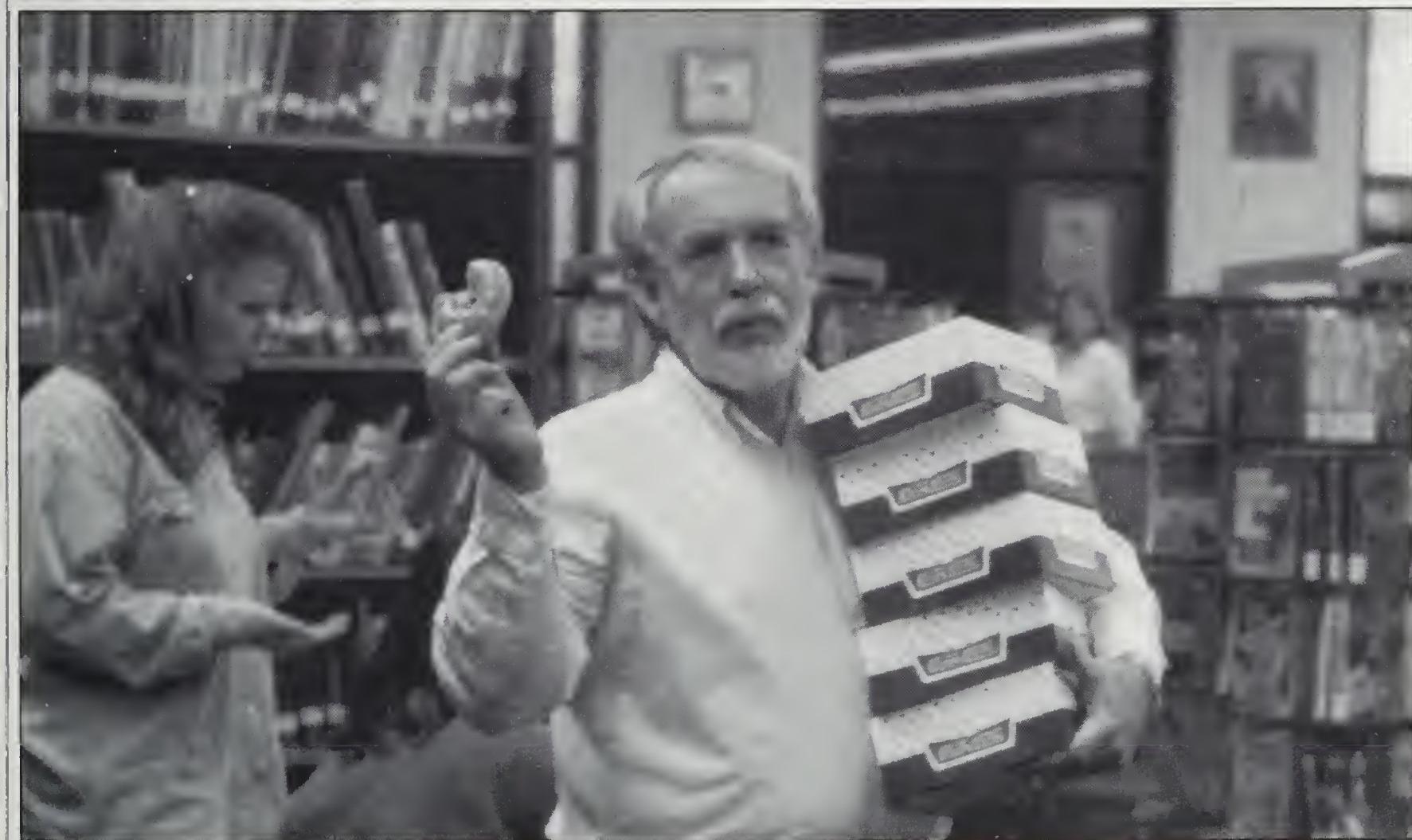
Sarah Handy
Timothy Handy
Jason Harris
Luke Harris
Adrienne Hill
Levi Hill
Virginia Holt

Amanda Hopkins
Sondra Hopkins
Stacey Hubbard
Angela Hutchens
LaTonya Hylton
Jennifer Inscore
Stephanie Jessup

Jimmy Jones
Melanie Jones
Shaun Jones
Anthony Joyce
Sue Ellen Justice
Misty Keen
Jessica Kendrick

Robert Knight
Brian Kornett
Sean Kreager
Tonya Lankford
Charles Lawrence
Crystal Lawson
Denver Dean Lawson

Joshua Lawson
Ryan Lawson
Victoria Lawson
Justin Lewis
Jennifer Litwin
Susan Mabe
Slade Mankins



Yummy, Yummy!!! Mr. John Halsey, the sponsor of Senior Beta, takes a taste of one of the many doughnuts the Senior Beta members had to sell.



Is anyone there? Senior John Taylor makes a call from the office phone. Students were glad to have access to a phone just in case of an emergency situation.



Who are you gonna call? Rachel Pendleton telephones a friend after school from a hall pay phone to chat.



May I Ask Who's Speaking?

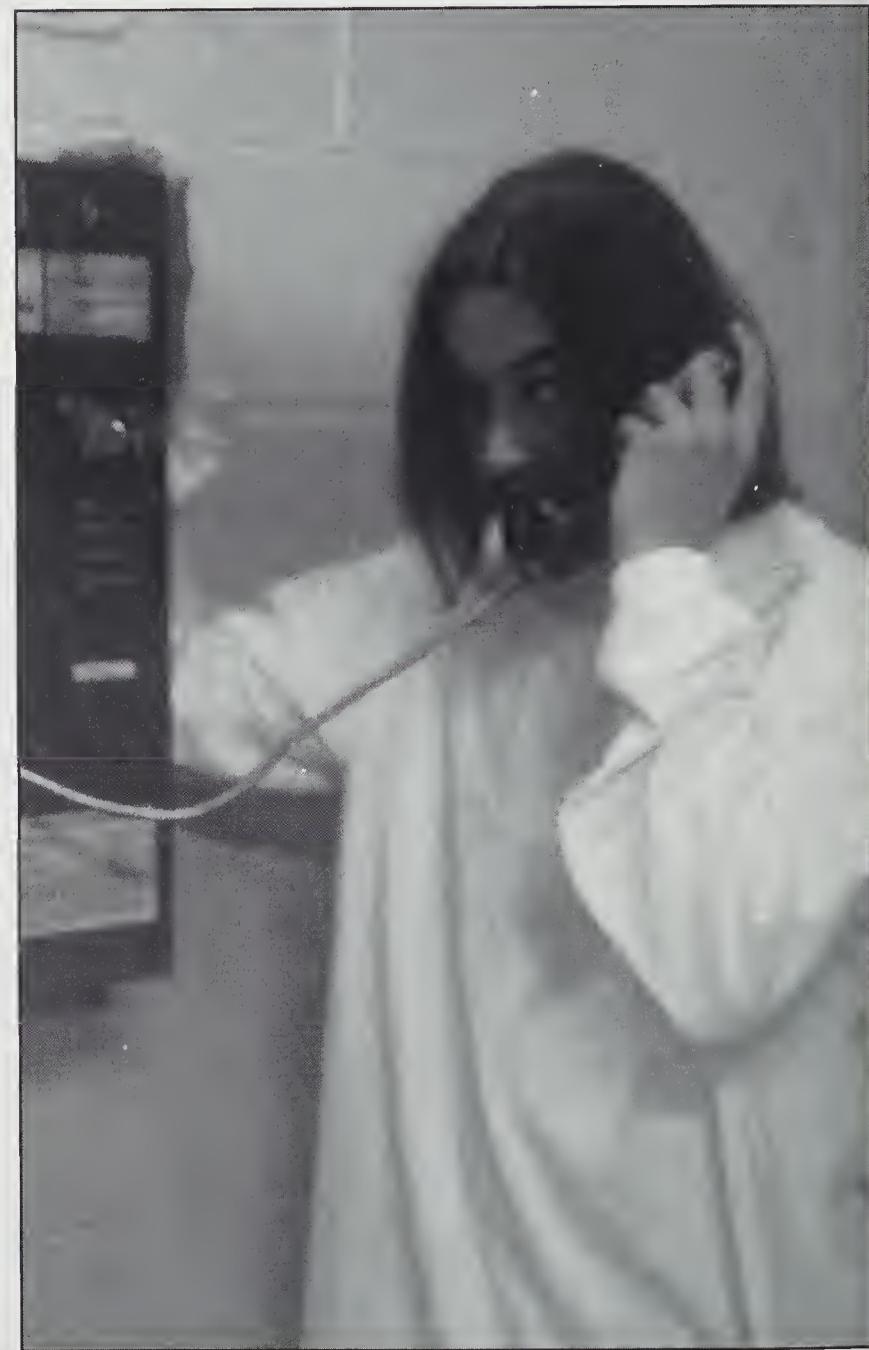
"Is your refrigerator running? Well, then, you better go catch it!" Or how about "Hey baby, what are you wearing?" Yes, these are just a few of the immature slurs related with prank telephone calls. Sure, students had made a prank phone call or two, but high school students needed to start growing up and differentiating between harmless and offensive. The stereotypical prank calls may have been associated with some corny joke with and even cornier punchline, but in all reality, some calls could truly hurt a person.

One perfect example was the ever popular three-way calling system. Now, this system was seemingly innocent until it was abused. For example, Tim and Susie (a couple) were arguing because Tim had been talking to Linda, and Susie believed he was flirting. Although Linda told Susie there was nothing going on, Susie insisted Tim call her and talk with her, confessing hidden emotions (thus betraying Linda with Susie on the phone). Now Linda, the in-

nocent bystander, was caught up in the middle and intentionally exploited.

Yet two other disturbing kinds of calls were brought about by the "heavy breather" or the "phantom dialer," who would either call and be blatantly offensive or just call and not say a word at all. These calls could be a nuisance and quite detrimental, since many victims often had their numbers changed. No matter how harmless a prank call seemed, students didn't realize the sometimes lasting effects.

Abusing all the telephone privileges and technology provided for students in such an immature way was truly a travesty. There were so many other things to do; why consume time with meaningless trivial children's games? The next time students let their fingers do the walking, and were about to reach out and touch someone, (by disguising their voice or making a crude joke) they needed to think about how they would feel if they happened to be on the receiving end.



Who could this possibly be? Kris Smith, a twelfth grader, curiously goes to answer an incoming call at the pay phone on the cafeteria hallway.



HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED A PRANK TELEPHONE CALL?

"Yes, I have and they hung up the phone on me. Then, they called back and laid me out! To this day, I still don't know who did it!" - Amanda Foddrell

"The person called and told me that I had won a prize from Little Caesars." - Seneca Moore

"Yeah, but the person didn't have the guts to say anything. They just hung up!" - D. J. Martin

"Well, last year, I received a lot of prank calls. I solved the problem really quickly. I just told them what I thought about it and they didn't call back anymore." - Karen Jeanette Ayers

"Every time I get one, the people are too chicken to say anything." - Jon Fain

"Someone kept calling up to the house, and asking for some girl named Janet. I knew who was making that person call and each

time she called, I would be nice and tell her she didn't live here. But then, she called one too many times. She asked for Janet, and I acted like I went and got her. I picked up the phone again, and started talking off the wall, asking the girl how she was doing. The girl sounded like she was about to have a cow, so she hung up, and she never called again!" - Dana Trent

"Someone called and told me that I had won the Reader's Digest Sweepstakes. After telling me all of the details and everything, he asked me if I was over eighteen. I said no, and he said, 'Uh, well...gotcha!' and then hung up. And I actually believed them!" - Erin Wilson

"I don't know what it is, but people seem to either call and hang up or call and just sit there while I say 'hello.'" - Tonya Lankford

HAVE YOU EVER MADE A PRANK TELEPHONE CALL?

"Tonya and I used to call this poor old lady really late at night and wake her up. She'd get really mad and cuss us out. Once in a while she would get her husband to lay us out. It was funny because they would say corny stuff like, 'You youngins these days are out of your blasted minds!' Now, I feel sorry for those poor old people." - Sondra Hopkins

"I called a woman down the road, and pretended to be an AT&T operator and asked if she would like to receive 100 minutes of free long distance calling. The woman said yes, and so I then told her to stay on the phone. I then clicked back over to a friend on the other line. I don't know how long the woman stayed on the phone waiting." - Stacey Hubbard

"One time, I made a prank call, and they answered the telephone, and I said, 'This is the sixteen flavor ice cream company. Name sixteen flavors of ice cream in sixteen seconds, and win sixteen dollars!'" - Bobby Foster

"When I was little, and still had a cute voice, I would call people and ask them to sing a song to me. (Preferably, 'Happy Birthday to You'.) The nicer people actually would!" - Giselle Batcheller

"No!!!" - Jason Handy

"When I first started using the telephone, I would call any number and ask how to get to Sesame Street. Most of the time, people would just hang up on me!" - Gail Stone

Daniel Martin
Amanda McAdams
Renee McAlexander
Rhonda McAlexander
Sherry McClain
Eric McKinney
Rebecca Milligan

Seneca Moore
David Morrison
Erik Nowlin
Ginger Pace
Jeremy Pack
Lindy Penn
Shuana Penn

Nathan Pettway
John Phillips
Alan Pilson
Crystal Pilson
Jennifer Rakes
Chris Reynolds
Winston Reynolds

Ryan Rorrer
Brandie Ross
Natasha Rucker
Dyan Rusmisel
Robert Salmons
Chadwick Scales
Arnold Scott



WHERE WAS THE FIRST PLACE YOU DROVE?

"To baseball practice." - Douglas Martin

"Back home, because the roads were really icy and it was really foggy and messy." - Wyshona Lawson

"My first trip out, I headed straight for the mountain, because David was there." - Dana Nelson

"Unlike Dana, I didn't head for the mountain because Oscar was there." - Amanda Sue Williams

Do we have to go in? Chad Corns and Josh Cassell decide to sit and wait a while before going in to school.



Are you ready? Senior Darrin Doss drives smoothly into the school parking lot in the morning to be extra early.



Are my lights on? Joey Thompson, a junior, drives his truck to school on a cloudy, rainy morning. Students had to drive more cau-

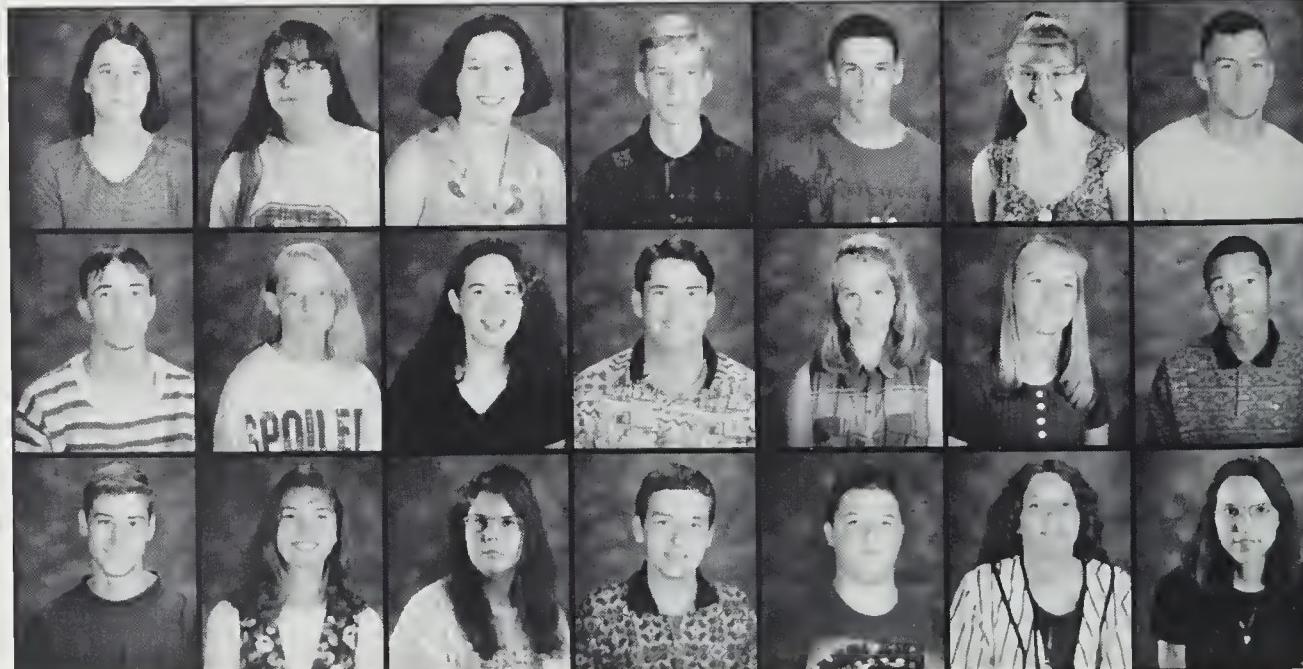
tiously in hazardous weather conditions.



Ashley Shelton
Mary Shelton
Andrea Sheppard
Matthew Shough
Tim Shoup
Lea Shouse
Shawn Smart

Jamie Snider
Chessie Springston
Gail Stone
Jeffrey Stowe
Blaire Swails
Tanya Swiney
Byron Tatum

John Thomas
Jennifer Thompson
Misty Turner
Charles Vaughn
Dusty Venable
Angel Volkers
Nettie Volkers





Driving on the range. To the tenth graders at Patrick County High School, these cars were very familiar. Each year, sophomores took driver's ed. in order to obtain a license.



"The first place I drove was from Stuart to Danbury, N. C."
- Eric McKinney



"The first place I drove was from the DMV, through some stop lights, and back home." - Shawn Smart

Vroom, Vroom!!!

You were heading down the road at 75 miles per hour, and... uh oh, sirens! Now your days of high speed joy riding were over. The policeman got out of his car, asked for your license and registration, and wrote you a ticket.

Most students hadn't received a speeding ticket or any other traffic violation, in fact, many prided themselves in their defensive driving tactics. Amanda Fodrell stated, "I first watch very carefully for changes in traffic and signals. I drive the speed limit; sometimes over, but not very much over."

But there were others who did receive speeding tickets, and for those young drivers, the judge would show no mercy. Most of those "speed demons" were sentenced to a course in defensive driving. In these classes, students had to learn safe driving skills that were covered in driver's education, while they were possibly day dreaming. After getting back on the road, (when the license was returned to by the DMV) participants were expected to use the safe driving tactics or get ready for another ticket and quite possibly a night in the slammer.

Back it up straight? Joey Gunter, a junior driver, backs in to his parking space slowly, so that it will be just right. Small trucks were popular vehicle for students. A hobby of

many students was to fix up their vehicles with loud stereos, chrome wheels, etc.



Felisha Weir
Erin Wilson
Travis Wimbush
Barry Wood
Kenneth Wood
Matthew Wood
Valerie Wray



Jennifer Wright
Mark Young



The early stages. The frosted shrubbery gave a delightful backdrop to the PCHS sign in the first hours of snowfall during January. However, as it accumulated, the sign was soon out of sight.

Snowed In



Blizzard of '96. Dark skies loomed over PCHS for days as between 18 and 22 inches of snow fell. In all, students missed seven days for the winter weather.

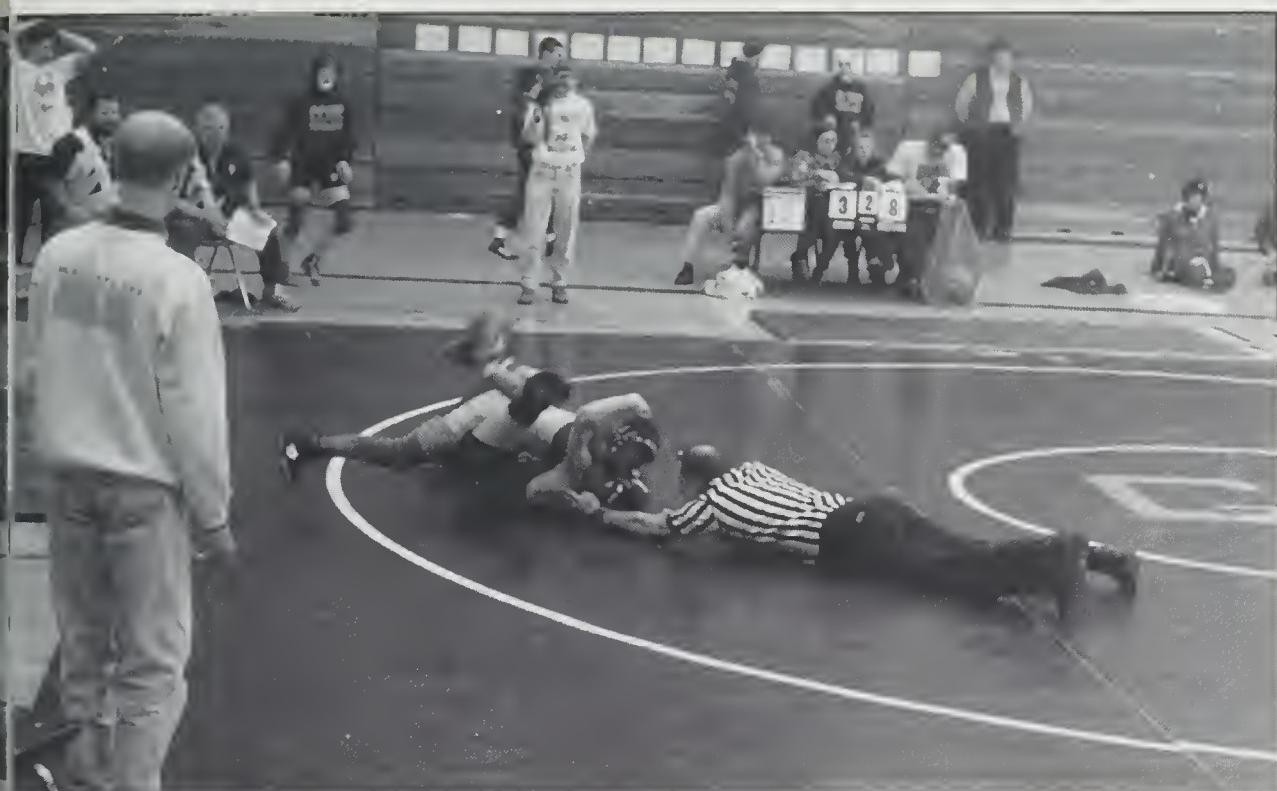
Snowflakes were falling. It was cold outside and a fire was burning warmly in the fire place. Peace surrounded you and suddenly you heard a thud. Then another, and another. You were slammed in the face by a cannon ball of snow; the war was on.

For some, a snowball fight may not have been their favorite winter activity. It may have been sitting in front of a fire with a loved one, or reading a book to get through the cold of the day. It could have been talking on the phone, or taking a vacation to a warmer spot, or simply sleeping through the day. But snowball fights were definitely a time consuming activity on snow

days. Students could get together with family, friends and neighbors to form teams for snow wars or have a one-on-one bomb assault with a younger sibling.

Of course, snowball fights were not the only winter activity students could have participated in. They could have ice skated, built snowmen, made snow angels, sledded down a snow covered hill, played video games, or even thrashed through the snowy woods on an ATV. No matter what activity participated in students always could find something to do on those lazy snow days.





Getting on "top" of things. Sophomore Chad Clark takes control of his opponent at the Carroll County wrestling tournament. Athletes enjoyed participating in indoor sports during the winter months to stay warm.



Four Wheeler Rider. Brad Cassady, a tenth grader, takes advantage of the "Blizzard of '96" by going for a spin on his four wheeler in the snow.



What do you keep in your locker other than books?



"Weightlifting clothes, April Jackson's weightlifting clothes and a few jackets." Candice Puckett



The long road ahead. Along with the messy lockers came the messy halls. Often students dropped paper going to their next class. Thanks to the custodians the halls were clean for the next day.

Fitting in. Although all of the students were different, they had one thing in common: a book bag. Many students used back packs as their suitcases for their books.

Those Messy Lockers

You had twenty seconds until the tardy bell sounded. The halls were getting less noisier. You were not in class, and you were not on your way there. Where were you? At your locker maybe, searching for last night's homework or the right blue notebook.

Why is it that nine times out of ten this was the story of most tardy students, no matter how many times they promised themselves at the beginning of the year that they would keep their lockers organized? "Well, if you had a lot of stuff, it was hard to keep a clean locker, but if you were more organized, and your locker was clean, it took less time to find your stuff," said sophomore Rhonda McAlexander.

With students having to keep up with a locker full of notebooks, textbooks, and various other assignments and supplies, it was very hard for students to be able to get from class to their

locker, open it, find everything they needed for the next period, and get to their next class if they were not organized. Angela Hamm claimed that she was "constantly late for class after searching for books." Al-

though lockers did pose a problem for unorganized students, it would be almost impossible to get through the day without them.

Students found out really quickly that book bags came in handy. Some students

were faced with the problem that their locker was in the vocational building, and they spent the majority of the day in the main building. For these students book bags were a necessity to survive at school. This year many students had back packs to use to carry their books and class supplies. Jansport and L.L. Bean back packs were constantly seen in the halls. Often students expressed themselves with their book bags. With the array of colors, designs, and accessories, the combinations were endless.

Even though messy lockers hindered students, they were not excuses for being tardy to class, and students learned to get organized!



What's next? Senior Curt Akers stops at his locker for one of the many times during the day. It helped to be able to use the locker often during the school day.





Summer Adams
Chad Angle
Walter Anglin
Justin Arrington
Christine Bailey
Dusti Bailey
Leevi Barnard



Beau Beasley
Elizabeth Belcher
Abigail Biggs
Teddy Bird
Jennifer Bishop
Andrew Blackwell
Andrea Bowman



Eleanor Bowman
Jason Bowman
Kevin Bowman
Richard Bowman
Shelia Bowman
Amanda Boyd
Kelly Boyd



Robert Boyd
Stephanie Boyd
Kristen Branch
Phillip Bridges
Angela Brown
Angie Brown
Chris Burkhart



Lauren Burnette
Ryan Carter
Michael Cassell
Christy Chaney
Crystal Chappell
Krista Choplin
Ladai Clark



Derrick Coleman
Jessie Coleman
Timothy Compton
Shane Conner
Brianne Craig
Cecily Dalton
Charles Dalton



What do you think about having family members at school?



"I enjoy being in the school with my children. Sharing their successes allows a greater closeness in our family. Their teachers are also very accessible when conferences and sharing information is necessary." Dean East



All in the family. Brothers Josh and Ryan Hopkins spend some "quality time" with each other during school.

Say what !?! Siblings Dyan and Suzie Rusimisel talk about their long day ahead of them. Having a brother or sister at school did always give students someone to talk to during the day.



Elmo Dalton
Tony Dalton
Carter Deekens
Melissa DeHart
John Dellenback
Joni Dellenback
Aji Dixon



Kim Do
Shanda Dodson
David Durham
Clif East
Beau Ennenga
Megan Ennenga
Jared Fain

Jeremiah Fain
Ronald Fain
Sarah Fain
Steven Fain
Terri Fitzgerald
Cynthia Foley
Jonathan Foley





Vanessa Foley
Jonathan Fulcher
Katrina Fulcher
Barbara Goard
Amanda Goins
Daniel Greenwalt
Edward Gregory

Eric Griffin
Edward Gunter
David Haden
Karrie Haden
Joy Hagwood
Katrina Hairston
Douglass Hall

Jamie Hall
Lee Hall
Samantha Hall
Robert Hamm
Dennis Hancock
Brian Handy
Leigh Anne Handy

I'm Telling!



How do you think you would feel if every time you turned around you saw the exact same faces: at the dinner table, before you went to bed, when you woke up in the morning, and even at school. Well, for some students this was an everyday reality when a brother, sister, parent, or other relative went to school with them, and they had to deal with it all the time.

"There are clearly advantages and disadvantages on both sides," commented Betty Kirkpatrick. "Mostly, I feel very lucky to be so much in touch with my sons' day; yet I believe that, to some degree, they lose some of the privacy many of the students take for granted."

Some students did not mind having siblings at the same school. Jon Helms stated, "I really do not mind my brother being at school with me, because I never see him and he knows better than to come and talk to me." Other students found advantages with this situation, such as James Fulcher who stated, "Going to school with a younger brother is great fun. I enjoy the extra time to make fun of him in front of his friends."

Whether avoiding them, picking on them, or enjoying the extra time together, having siblings, parents, or other relatives at the same school was just one of the challenges that students had to face during the year and, at times, it proved fun.

Brotherly love. James and Jason Dillon take some time out of their day to converse in the hallway about what is going on in their lives.



Rebecca Handy
Brandon Harris
Amy Havens
Misty Hazelwood
Cynthia Helms
James Helms
Joseph Helms



James Helton
Daniel Hill
Shauntae Hill
Brian Hines
Travis Hite
Michelle Holt
Bobby Hopkins



Ryan Hopkins
Kevin Horn
Brian Hubbard
David Hubbard
Jesse Hubbard
Cynthia Hughes
Dewey Hughes



John Hughes
Michael Hutchens
Kristin Hylton
Theresa Jarvis
Jennifer Jessup
Ashly Johnson
Chevelle Joyce

Marie Kendrick
Christopher King
Michelle Lambert
William Lancaster
Buford Lawless
David Lawson
Jessica Lawson

Lucas Lawson
Randy Lawson
Roy Lawson
Virginia Lawson
Amanda Layman
Bobby Leagans
Terrence Lee





"I'll be there for you! Friends Monica Lively and Kimberly Tatum talk after their lunch in the cafeteria. Many students took the chance to talk during their lunch block.

An apple a day keeps the doctor away. Junior Evan Loflin enjoys a juicy apple during lunch. To students eating healthy was important so that they could stay fit.

What do you think about diets and dieting?



"People go on diets because they don't feel good about their appearance." Lisa Holt



"I think they are good if you don't try to push yourself too much." D.J. Lawson

Food For Thought

Students thought they should. Some students did. The sad thing was that it could be very harmful if carried too far. What was it? Dieting!

Some students went on diets because they felt insecure or unhappy about their appearance. Others dieted, for instance, wrestlers, because they had to in order to meet competition requirements. Students had different opinions about dieting.

Stephanie Cox said, "unless weight gets to be a physical problem, I think it is crazy. I got into big problems with dieting in the eighth grade, so now I avoid it." Students saw time and time again news

programs or magazine articles about how unhealthy and unwise self starvation, bulimia, and taking diet pills were as ways of dieting. Eating less and exercising more was the most logical answer.

Mr. Ricky Vernon was in agreement to this in saying, "Yeah, diet pills are going to keep you from having an appetite, but what are you going to do when you run out and the store is closed? That is

when you're going to eat. You're going to eat well."

Eating healthy foods and trying to avoid snack foods was a hard task at times. With snack machines available at times and fast-food places nearby, it was easy to eat foods that were not the best possible choices. With students' busy schedules, it was very convenient to just drop the money in the machine or go through the drive-through window and get a quick meal.

Students had to take caution when deciding on dieting. While possibly beneficial for the body, dieting could have been dangerous if handled incorrectly.

Besides, students realized that it was a nice personality and positive attitude that really made them attractive to others and not just their appearance.



Support the Cougars! Freshmen Emily Qualls and Natalie Smith enjoy a candy bar during lunch. Often students were seen munching on fundraiser candy.



Chris Lester
Stephanie Litwin
Robin Luckado
Jessica Mabe
Tracy Mangrum
Amy C. Martin
Amy L. Martin



Jennifer Martin
Jeremy Martin
Wesley Martin
William Martin
Sylvia Mashburn
Eric Matheny
Tina McAlexander



Jennifer McKinney
Rusty McPeak
Chasity Meadors
Heather Merriman
Jamie Michaud
Amy Moore
Seth Moore



Ureka Moore
Dusty Moricle
Justin Morris
Joel Murray
Katie Nelson
Joseph Nester
Jonathan Nowlin



Terrence Nowlin
Theron Nowlin
Travis Nowlin
Tiffany Overby
Heather Pack
Carol Pampani
Jeffrey Parrish



Patrick Pascale
Loretta Patterson
Nicholas Pendleton
Rebecca Phillips
Mark Pilson
Sarah Pilson
Terry Plaster





You better listen to me! Senior Teresa Hutchens explains the ways of life at school to freshman Kevin Puckett. Often seniors were explaining how life at school worked.

Watch out subfreshmen! Winston Reynolds, Lamont Pilson, and John Reynolds were not the guys to ask for directions to class. Many students would confuse other students with their directions.

What are the best words of wisdom anyone has given you?



"Don't worry about the past, you can't change it. Don't worry about the future, it probably won't happen. Just worry about today." Amy Boyd

Words of the Wise



Students all had little pieces of advice to live by. Some were worthwhile, but others suited only one student. Life in high school gave students some idea about the advice they had received earlier in life.

Wisdom among peers was common by experience as Abigail Biggs knew well. Her advice was simply, "Don't kiss and tell."

Students liked to follow advice from famous people. Douglass Hall's age-

old advice was, "You have nothing to fear but fear itself."

Who said all advice was good? Upperclassmen had the advantages over the underclassmen. Underclassmen had the idea that the gym was located through the principal's office, thanks to the advice from the upperclassmen. Other underclassmen just couldn't seem to find the vocational building behind the football field, either.

Although not everyone received the correct advice, students got through the year and learned many things along the way.

Boo!! Junior, April Rotenberry discusses Halloween day with senior, Stephen Walker.



C.J. Prutting
Candice Puckett
Emily Qualls
Josh Rakes
Steven Rakes
Abby Rodgers
Matt Rorrer



Tabitha Rorrer
Bo Royall
Corey Rucker
Brent Sawyer
Daniel Scott
Aleta Seay
Jason Shelor

Paul Shelor
Cortney Shelton
Jennifer Sink
Sybil Slate
Melissa Smith
Natalie Smith
James Spence

Kevin Spencer
Joseph Stegall
Melissa Stowe
Joshua Sutphin
Stephanie Talbert
Kimberly Tatum
Stephanie Tatum



Living Abroad

Among the new faces roaming around the high school for the first time, there was a very "special" newcomer. Lucas Moller represented Brazil as an exchange student. Needless to say, this was a very large adjustment. Lucas left his home in Rio Grande do Sul, Sao Leopaldo, and found a new home in

Patrick County with the Greenwalts, his host family.

When asked about the cultural difference, Lucas responded, "There's a big difference between Patrick County and where I lived in Brazil. There are 200,000 inhabitants in the city where I live. I don't know half of the people

that live there. Here I get to know the people better. Life here is almost the same, but I've been playing more sports here than I used to in Brazil. The biggest difference is that in Brazil I live in an area much bigger than Patrick County and there are more things to do there. Also, in my high school you don't get to choose the classes that you are going to take. In Brazil everyone takes the same classes. As far as sports are concerned, we have volleyball, basketball, soccer, and track."

Lucas soon became an active and welcomed member of the community. He also participated in numerous activities, such as cross country, basketball, and tennis, although he claims soccer to be his strongest sport. When asked what aspect of Pat-

rick County he liked best, he replied, "The high school. The kids at PCHS are very nice. They helped me a lot at the beginning when my English was very bad. Everybody was very friendly."

"Before I left Brazil I was afraid about how my life would be here. Now I can't believe that I've been here as long as I have. My stay here has been great. There is always something going on; a basketball game, hanging out with friends, and sometimes a short trip with the Greenwalts."

Corey Reynolds wrapped it up when he said, "I met Lucas for the first time outside of school. He didn't know much English, but as time went by he adjusted well. Now, on the (basketball) team, I can't get him to be quiet. He will always be remembered."



Remember Home Row. Lucas Moller concentrates on his computer project in Computer Information Systems. Lucas took many new classes while at PCHS.



What do you think about the exchange student, Lucas Moller?



Running like the wind blows! Cross Country team member Lucas Moller was a great competitor. He always gave 100 percent.



"I met Lucas for the first time outside of school. He didn't know much English, but as time went by he adjusted well. Now, on the basketball team, I can't get him to be quiet. He will always be remembered." Corey Reynolds



Chow down!! Exchange student Lucas Moller spends some time with his new-found friends at lunch. Lucas met many new people and made many friends during his stay in Patrick County.

Chillin' with the girls. Senior Lucas Moller poses for a picture with seniors Jessica Nelson and Angie Noonkester. Many students liked talking to Lucas throughout the day.



Danielle Taylor
Sarah Taylor
Cesar Tejeda
Anthony Thomas
Dwann Thomas
James Thomas
Josh Thorne

David Turner
Tony Vaughn
Pamela Vipperman
Jonathan Volkers
Chris Wagoner
John Wagoner
April Watson



Melissa Whorley
Brandy Willard
Heather Williams
Bambi Wimbush
Dawn Woodall
Jason Woodall
Donna Woods

Susanne Wright
Christina Zimmerman



Friend or Foe

Are your friends really true friends? Take this quiz and see how your best buds really are.

1. It is Saturday night and you're broke. You ask your best friend for a loan.

He/She:

(a) offers you all of his/her money in his/her possession.

(b) agrees, but tells you to earn your own money.

(c) says that he/she is broke and can't give you a dime, whether it's the truth or not.

2. You go by your best friend's house and he/she is on his/her way out.

He/She:

(a) drops his/her plans to hang out with you.

(b) invites you to go with him/her.

(c) talks to you a few minutes and then leaves.

3. You meet the guy/girl of your dreams, when you tell your best friend he/she is:

(a) psyched- but bummed that he/she is go-

ing to see less of you now.

(b) jealous, he/she wants a girlfriend/boyfriend too.

(c) totally panic stricken; who is he/she going to hang with now?

4. You're having an all-time bad hair day. What does he/she say?

(a) He/She tells you that your hair looks great.

(b) Nothing. Trying to make you feel better is not the top of his/her priority list.

(c) He/She tells you to wear a hat or put it up and lends you a hat or hair clip.

5. While you're in the bathroom at school, you overhear a few girls/guys bad mouthing you to your best friend. He/She:

(a) tells them to lay off or else.

(b) screams in their faces, and then stomps away.

(c) adds a few snide remarks of his/her own.

Now it is time to score your quiz.

1. (a)3 (b)2 (c)1

2. (a)3 (b)2 (c)1

3. (a)3 (b)2 (c)1

4. (a)3 (b)2 (c)1

5. (a)3 (b)2 (c)1

Mostly a's: Number one fan. He/She's patient, kind and tolerant, but will let you get away with murder. A real friend shouldn't be afraid to tell the truth, even if you don't want to hear it.

Mostly b's: Perfect pal. Your best friend always has time for you; he/she's also willing to have a heart to heart conversation just as much as he/she is willing to have a blast. He/she may go a little overboard when it comes to honesty, but it is for your own good. Hey, that's what friends are for.

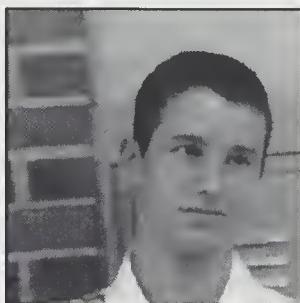
Mostly c's: Bad news bud. Your friend's feelings change as much as the temperature. He/she's always there when things are going great, but when you really need him/her he/she pulls a disappearing act. A true friend would always be there, no matter what.



Altogether now. Freshmen class officers, Andrew Blackwell, April Watson, and Carter Deekens had a close bond. They had to work together to be able to successfully lead their class.



What do your friends mean to you?



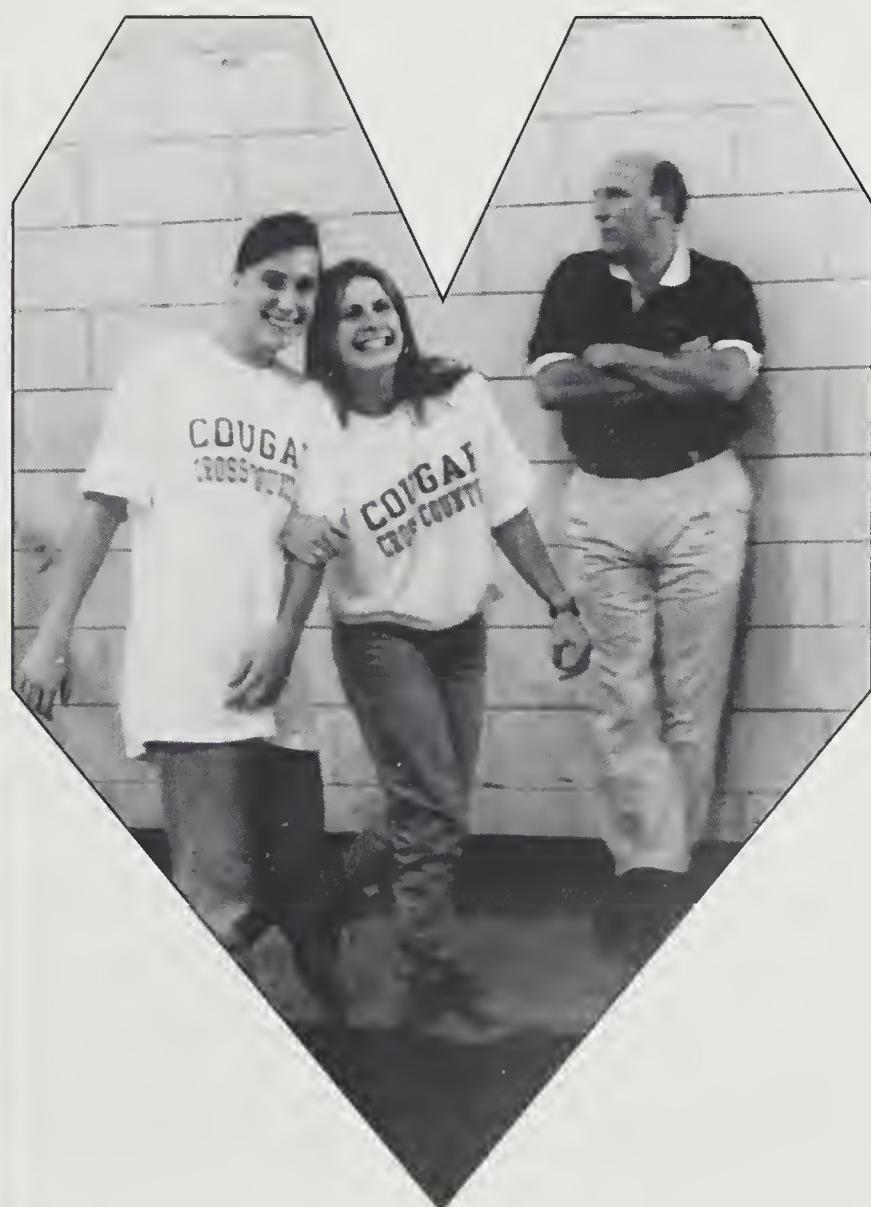
"My friends mean everything to me, I don't know what I would do without them." Mark Young



"Everything!!"
Misty Hazelwood

Group huddle. Friends were often seen talking to each other before school. As always they had to catch up on the latest happenings round the school.

Friends forever. Seniors Becky Leeper and Jackie Setliff have been friends throughout high school. Being seniors has brought them closer since they will be leaving each other next year.



Jason Alexander
Jessie Allen
Heath Alloway
Alicia Atkinson
Jamie Barbour
Tyler Bash
Beverly Beasley

Brandon Belcher
Miranda Belcher
Marcia Benz
Jason Bevins
Ashleigh Bingman
William Black
James Blevins

Tabitha Bocock
Jonathan Bowling
Chris Bowman
Crystal Bowman
Derrick Bowman
Grant Bowman
Katherine Bowman



Absolutely Nothing's Changed!

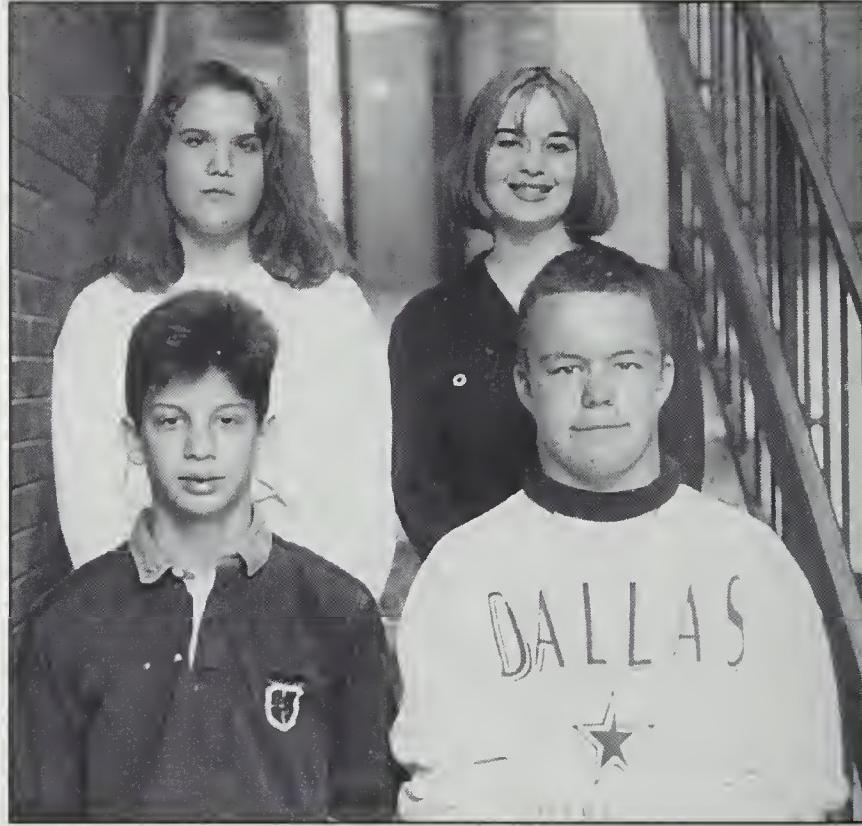
From the senior table, senior door, and senior parking lot, to the sub-freshmen in trash cans and lockers, things hadn't changed much from one year to the next.

Senior Wyshona Lawson claimed, "Well, I think senior traditions are important because they're so fun! Everyone has to wait to be a senior and thirteen years is a really long time. I think senior traditions are worth waiting for and everyone gets their turn, so they are fair!" Each year the seniors get to choose a table in the cafeteria to reserve for their classmates only. That along with many other privileges (senior march around the gym, the senior lunch line, and the senior corner) gave them a chance to be recognized for their high school accomplishments.

Then again, on the bottom of the ladder were the eighth graders who got their

share of "special treatment" as well. Brett Helms, being a "greenie" himself questioned, "The seniors have special traditions? Is that why they picked me up from a table at lunch the other day and threw me in the trash can? NOW I get it!!!" Anna Clark and Angela Hamm were both in agreement that "torturing greenies" was the thing to do after passing that humiliating stage.

After spending five years at Patrick County High School, students not only expanded their level of intelligence, but they were able to acquire maturity as well. As they climbed the ladder from sub-freshmen to seniors, students were granted these privileges that enabled them to expand their horizons. Senior privileges paralleled privileges that came with maturity in life.



The eighth grade class officers for the 1995-1996 school year were: (Front row l-r) James Kirkpatrick (Vice President), and J. J. Foley (President). (Back row l-r) Crystal Bowman (Treasurer), and Dori Martin (Secretary).

I Can't believe you just said that! Sophomores Oliver Gooden and Shawn Stanley joke around with their bud Ray Hylton to relieve tension on the day of a big game.





Marsha Bowman
Walter Boyd
Evelyn Branch
LaLita Brim
Amanda Brindle
Jerry Cain
Shounita Carlton

Michelyn Cassady
Richard Castle
Jarret Clement
James Clifton
Robert Cobb
Jennifer Cockram
Clayton Cole



I just can't be tardy! Sophomore Amanda Hall and eighth grader Katrina Hairston hurry down the hall to get to their next class in time.

Hall Time. Eighth graders, John Reynolds, Terrence Lee, and tenth grader Lamont Pilsen, decide to just hang out for a while before school and talk with friends this particular morning for a change from their daily walk around the halls.



Casey Coleman
Jennifer Coleman
Robin Coleman
Brandon Collins
Jesse Combs
Nathan Conner
Sara Corns



Christopher Cox
Matthew Craft
Kenneth Crouse
Caleb Crowell
Megan Daumen
Kelly Dillon
Melody Dillon

Crystal Dishman
Cory Dixon
C. N. Dollarhite
Brian Errichetti
Joseph Foley
Lisa Foley
Mark Gates

Sherry Glenn
Emily Goad
LaBriska Goad
Lucian Goad
George Goad
Jonathan Goins
Kelly Goins

William Gravely
Jessica Gray
Lacey Gray
Kristin Gregory
Michelle Gregory
Jacob Groff
Harbie Gunter

Jonathan Guaman
Christopher Haden
April Hall
Jennifer Hall
Jessica Hall
John Halsey
Joel Hamm



Tuning out and Tuning in. Chris Burkhardt closes his eyes and tunes into his discman on the way to school. Many students opted to do this in order to take away from the length of time spent riding on the bus everyday.



You can go ahead. Shane Conner decides to be nice and let some of his fellow bus-riding friends get off the bus first.

Just another day. Eleventh Grader Troy Smart, and eighth grader Shannon Quesenberry sluggishly get off the bus and head toward the school for yet another seven-hour day of classes.





Rosanna Handy
Pixie Herold
Christopher Harris
Drew Harris
Tony Harris
James Hawks
Bradley Hazelwood

Brett Helms
Jacob Helms
Justin Helms
Juan Hernandez
Casey Higgs
Kayla Hill
Nicole Hill

Stacey Hill
Kathy Sue Holt
Matthew Holt
Belinda Hoosier
Christina Horton
Thomas Howell
Billy Hubbard



There's just got to be another way

Bob had just finished his breakfast and just barely had time to grab his books. He ran outside in just enough time to watch the bus speed away. Then what did he do? Luckily, he was able to flag the bus down from behind, but he could hear the laughter of the other children on the bus. After some hesitation, he decided to board the big yellow taxi cab to school and take his seat. He soon realized that he would've been better off missing the bus because then he wouldn't have had to put up with the other less mature kids.

There were some students who preferred the bus as opposed to riding in a car because they got to ride with several of their friends. But some students didn't have

to ride the bus every day. They had the luxury of driving or even riding with a parent or friend. These students said that they preferred riding in the car as opposed to riding the bus. Those that rode in cars may have had the luxury of sleeping a little later and could get to school more quickly.

Whether students liked riding the bus, driving their own car, or riding to school with someone else, they always arrived at school sooner or later. And if they ever missed the bus, they shouldn't feel embarrassed, because they were not the only ones who ever did. After all, what would high school have been without a few embarrassing moments?



Jacob Hubbard
Donita Hughes
Eric Hughes
Amanda Hylton
Scottie Hylton
Steven Hylton
Janet Johnson



Kellie Martin
Michael Martin
Robert McIntyre
Steven Moles
Charles Morris
Bradley Morrison
Mark Nelson

Mandy Nester
April Northcutt
Rachel Nowlin
Andrew Overby
Christopher Owens
Christie Pack
Kelly Pack



Sharers we will be!!! Seniors, Josh Kandies, and Warren Rodgers, elect to share their snacks from the school vending machine.



Can I have a sip? Misty Hazelwood, Amy Havens, and Abigail Biggs, all freshmen, sit around senior, Josh Hopkins as he finishes off his half-empty soft drink.



M'm! M'm! Good! Senior, Becky Leeper, figured that since she preferred the drink machine drinks to just plain cafeteria milk, she'd bring her own to lunch.



can't beat the real thing. Stephen Walker, a senior, hurries to the closest Coke machine it in the vocational building for a quick

refreshment before his next class.



Ann couldn't quite make a choice between B13 and C11, so she hastily decided to go ahead and on the third time trying, inserted her dollar bill and pressed them both at the same time. What happened next? Absolutely nothing. The vending machine had mysteriously taken her money once again, only this time it was her last dollar so she couldn't even try it again. Oh well, she said to herself, there goes today's lunch!

That was just one of the several annoying aspects of vending machines for students. It was unlikely for there to have been a student not to have had some sort of problem with them at one point or another. In some instances, the machines

would run out of food; in others, they would go out of order. In both cases, some students became agitated.

"It was really irritating when you would go to the machines, and they were out of order," stated Rhonda McAlexander, "or when they didn't have anything you wanted."

On the other hand, some students were annoyed because they couldn't go to them often enough. Junior, Amy Boyd said she "didn't have much time between classes and such to get to one very often," but would have liked to! Although these machines could be aggravating, they did allow for a convenient change from the cafeteria food.



David Patterson
Adrian Penn
Christopher Penn
Kimberly Penn
Cindy Perez
Lauren Perkins
Samuel Perkins

Latoya Pettigrew
Tamatha Pierce
Zachery Plasters
Jonathan Prater
Ricky Prillaman
Kevin Puckett
Mary Quesenberry

Shannon Quesenberry
Lee Quesenberry
David Radford
Noe Ramirez
James Register
Angel Reynolds
Jessica Reynolds

John Reynolds
Sheretha Reynolds
Brian Roberson
William Roberts
Lacey Roop
Suzanne Rusmisel
Terri Scott

Brian Sellers
Bruce Shaw
Matthew Shelor
Charles Shepherd
Sherry Shough
Kelly Simpson
Jacob Sims



Money Machine

Ahhhhh-Summertime

The school year had ended, but for students the end of school didn't necessarily mean the end of work. Some students worked at grocery stores, some at gas stations, some even worked at summer camps. Students may not have had a job, but they still worked. For example, band members worked strenuously at band camp, while other students attended summer school to either make up for a class or just to get ahead. "My summer was spent in a smelly, hot horse barn, but when I brought home the ribbons it was all worth it," said Sophomore Gail Stone. Athletes worked especially hard of the sum-

mer conditioning for the upcoming sports season.

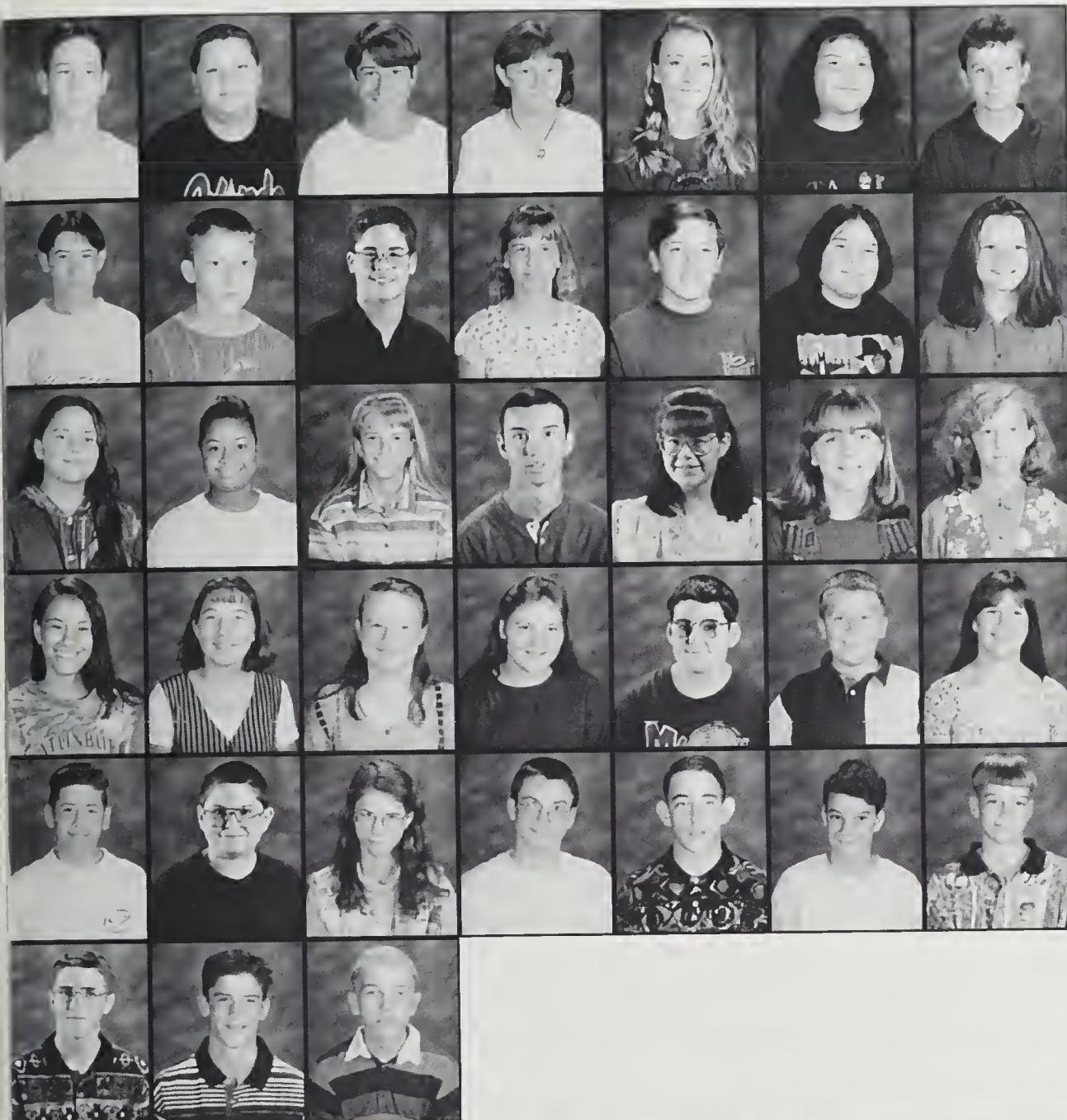
But summer was always about rest, relaxation, and most of all FUN. Many students spent time at beaches, lakes or other vacation resorts trying to catch some rays or that special someone. Other students spent time with family members or friends. Students spent days lounging by pools, participating in sports, sprawled out in their air conditioned room, and others simply slept the summer away. Whether students spent their summers addicted to a soap opera, the sun, or their significant other no one ever wanted to see the days of summer end.



Yeah, I'm ready! Eleventh grade drum major, Sarah Dean, is the first one on the bus ready to get home from band camp. After four long days at camp, all the band members became pretty burnt out.

Gotta get focused. Getting used to the pace of high school life after summer vacation, for the last time, Teresa Hutchens, a senior, adjusts to her new schedule.





Ben Sloop
Chris W. Smith
William Snyder
Brenda Sowder
Mia Spangler
Brandy Spence
Brian Spencer

David Spencer
Kevin Wayne Spencer
Robbie Stanley
Tiffany Stewart
Brian Stone
Jessica Taylor
Jessica Terry

Jane Thomas
Jessica Thomas
Karen Trent
Daniel Turman
Gentry Turner
Teresa Vaughn
Melissa Vaught

Shelly Vessell
Amanda Watson
Crystal Watson
Charisse Weir
Elwood West
Douglas Whorley
Christy Williams

Dwayne Ronald Williams
Justin Williams
Kate Williams
Mitchell Williams
Tony Wimbish
Alexis Winslow
Jonathan Wood
Michael Wood
Justin Woodall
Jerry Wright



High jumper. Gail Stone, a Sophomore, takes her horse Blazin' Bar Bailey for a few jumps around the course. Gail took many lessons to perfect her form.

Eager to head to the beach. Mrs. Debbie Blackwell, and Mrs. Mary Alice Hayes didn't seem to mind sporting their "summer look" a little early.



To Their Own Tune

From athletics to academics, there was no question about the fact that Patrick County's youth had talent. It was great having newspaper articles written about sports and academic achievements, but there was another side often overlooked to many of the students' lives that was equally as exceptional.

The high school arts program, although small, added a lot to the school's curriculum and often brightened the hallways and classrooms. The band and chorus always livened up assemblies and pep rallies. All artistic groups in Patrick County High often left students asking, "Why can't I sing so beautiful-

ly?," or "Gosh, I wish I could play in a band." Arts gave students an enjoyable hobby and developed their artistic skills at the same time. They also left other students with the urge to broaden their artistic horizons.

"It's a shame that the art program is frequently left out of the spotlight. We have very talented students," stated Wyshona Lawson. Miss Laura Hodges commented, "After working with singers in other places, I am really amazed with the high level of ability of Patrick County High School students. Many people underestimate what young people can do. These students can do a lot."

Stop and check your key signatures!!! Kevin Lewis, Patrick County's band director, questions a few of the notes played by his band. This year the Marching Cougars won several band competitions with superior ratings along with individual trophies and awards for drum major, flags, general effect, music, percussion, and marching.

Toot! Toot! Beginner Band student Virginia Holt, a Sophomore, plays a warm-up chorale out of her Essential Elements technique book at the beginning of class. Each day, band students did a warm-up routine, consisting of scales and chorales, before going on to their more challenging pieces of music.



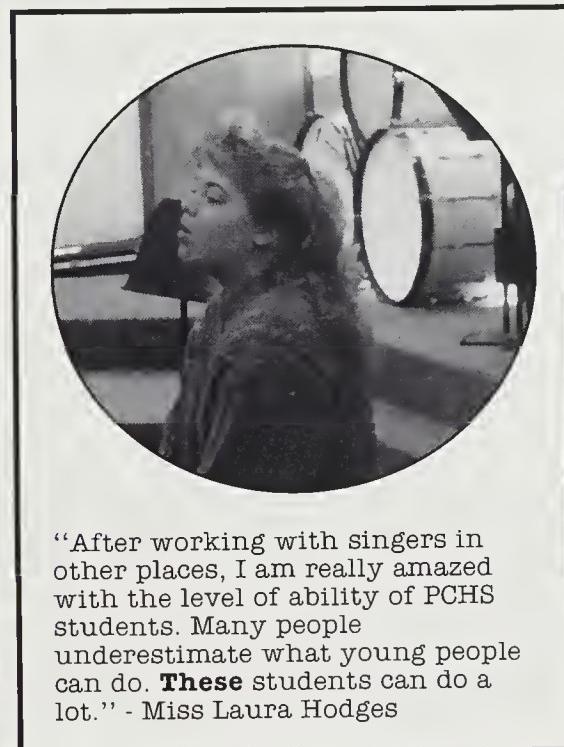
Mrs. Jane Akers-Pre-Algebra 8, Applied Math, Senior Beta sponsor. **Ms. Joanne Amos**-Geometry, Algebra I part 1, Softball Coach, Varsity Club sponsor, Junior class sponsor, JV Girls Basketball Coach. **Mrs. Michele Arnder**-English 8R and 9R, S.C.A. sponsor, Sophomore class sponsor. **Mrs. Ann Belcher**-Spanish I and IV. **Mr. Grandy Biggs**-8th and 9th Guidance, Girls BB, Boys BB.



Mr. Bill Clement-Technology Club sponsor, Basic Tech. Drwng., Eng. Draw/Dsgn., Manuf. Tech. Pro. Sys. **Mr. David Clement**-8th grade football, Baseball head, 10th grade P.E. **Mrs. Melinda Comer**-Eng., Hist., and World Geog. E, New Horizons Club, Spec. Ed. Dept. Head. **Mrs. Naomi Conner**-Nut. Food/Sci., Child Care I & II, Life Mgt. II, FHA, Home Ec. Dept. Head. **Mrs. Priscilla Diggs**-Senior class sponsor, 11 and 12 grade guidance.



1996 Room Mothers: Front, l-r: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Runge, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Hutchens, Mrs. Helms, Mrs. Trent, Mrs. Meade; Back, l-r: Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Fodderell, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Kreager, Mrs. Walker.



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Mr. Bill Dillon- Principal. **Mr. Bruce Dollarhite**-Electronics, VICA, Jr. class sponsor, Trades/Industry Dept. Head. **Mr. Douglas Dunlap**- U.S. Hist., World Geog. 9, German Club, Jr. Class sponsor, Social Studies Acad. Team. **Mr. Dean East**- U.S. Government, World Geog. 9R. **Mrs. Phyllis Eastridge**- English 11 and 9, Forensics.



Ms. Patricia Fain- Alg. II/Trig., Math 8, Geometry. **Mrs. Mary Fields**- PARTY, Assist. in Guid., Grammar & Reading 8. **Mrs. Debbie Fultz**- French Club sponsor, French I, II, III, IV, & V. **Mrs. Cleo George**- Secretary. **Mr. Chip Graves**- Senior Class sponsor, Math Dept. Head, Alg. I & II/Trig., Calculus, Math Analysis.



Mrs. Elva Haden- Teacher Aide. **Mr. John Halsey**- Senior Beta sponsor, Soc. Stu. Dept Head, World Geo. 8 & B. **Mrs. Mary Alice Hayes**- 8th grade class sponsor, Phy. Sci. **Mrs. Peggy Haynes**- Guidance Secretary. **Mrs. Evelyn Hazelwood**- Junior Class chairperson, Algebra.



Mrs. Carmen Heath- Per. Consumer, Teen Living/Ag, Voc. Occup. Exp., Life Mgt. I, FHA, Vars. Boys BB Cheerleading. **Mr. Stephen Henderson**- English 11H, 12AP, & 12A, Wrestling, Challenge, Cougar Review. **Mr. Claude Hobson**- Librarian Assistant. **Miss Laura Hodges**- Chorus, Girls BB Cheerleading, Jr. class sponsor. **Mrs. Dianne Hughes**- Yearbook staff advisor, Keyboarding and Computer Solutions.

Mrs. Ella Sue Joyce- Guidance Director, 10th and Special Ed Counselor. **Mr. Arnie Kloock**- Sci. Club 10-12, Sci. Acad. Coach, Earth Sci., Physics, Chemistry. **Mrs. Judy Knight**- Library Secretary. **Ms. Phyllis Kodenski**- Math 8R, Alg. I/Pt. I, Alg. I. **Mrs. Janie Layman**- Teacher Aide.

Mrs. Marsha Marcela- English and Resource, FEA, Spec. Ed. Dept Head. **Ms. Amy Marshall**- Health Careers, English 8 A & R. **Ms. Brenda Martin**- Photography Club, Soph. Class sponsor, Biology, Earth Sci. **Mr. Nelson Moore**- Junior Class sponsor, Voc. Mix 8, Intro. to Tech., Math 8, Voc. Ocp. Exp. **Mr. Bruce Morton**- Director of Instruction.

Mrs. Brenda Oakley- Bookkeeper. **Mrs. Barbara Pendleton**- Senior Class sponsor, PE Dept. Head, 10th grade PE. **Mrs. Judy Pollard**- FBLA, Senior Class sponsor, Prin. Bus. & Mkt., Keyboarding, Bus. Econ. Law. **Mr. Leon Pollard**- DECA, Fund. of Mkt., Adv. Mkt., Marketing, Co-Op. **Mr. Mark Redden**- Vocational Director.

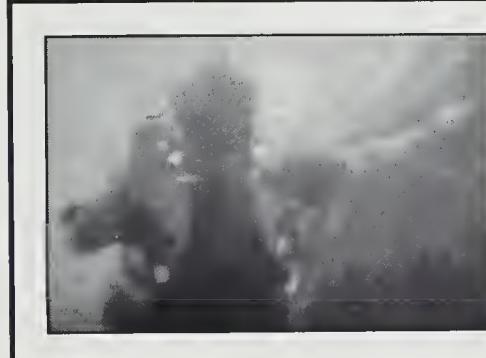
Mrs. Paula Reynolds- FBLA, Alt. Ed. IV, Comp. Info. Systems. **Mr. George Rigney**- Senior Class sponsor, Eng. Dept. Head, English 12R, Alt. Ed IV. **Mrs. Amy Short**- JV Cheerleading, English 9R, New Horizons sponsor. **Mr. Kevin Short**- U.S. History B & R, JV Boys Basketball. **Mr. Phillip Steagall**- VICA, JV Baseball, Bldg. Trds. I, II & III.



Cafeteria staff left to right: Elva Thomas, Lennis Inman, Beatrice Martin, Cordelia Walker, Eldean Martin, Linda Bryant, Sharon Cassady, Lilla Gray, Pearl Turman, Manager.



Maintenance staff left to right: Harry Beasley, James King, Alma Ruth Hill, Gary Crews.



"This is a picture taken by Kevin Short of me diving on a German sub that sank in 1942 twenty-five miles off of Cape Lookout, N.C. This sub was in 110 ft. of water, and this was the deepest dive I had ever made. It was one of my life-long goals. I've scuba dived all my life, but couldn't have made it without Mr. Short (a Navy Seal) on a deep-water dive." - Bill Dillon

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

"I like to read." - Mrs.

Phyllis Eastridge

"I teach hunter education classes in Henry and Patrick County and work a small farm." - Mr. David Young

"I make flags." - Ms. Phyllis Kodenski

"I enjoy walking and hiking, and when the weather is nice, I like to golf. When there's snow on the ground, I like to read and do crossword puzzles." - Ms. Fern Agee



Mrs. Mary Jane Taylor- Math Analysis, Math 8R, Comp. Sci., Senior Beta sponsor, Math Academic team. **Mrs. Cindy Terry**- PE 9, FCA, Athletic Director. **Mr. Wendell Terry**- Horticulture II, III, IV, & V, Girls BB Head Coach. **Mrs. Sandy Tobler**- Earth Sci., Human Anatomy. **Mr. Brian Turman**- P.E. 9, Weightlifting, Varsity Club sponsor, JV Football, Baseball.



Mrs. Margaret Vernon- Secretary. **Mr. Ricky Vernon**- Resource D, Adapt. PE, Football, Softball Head Coach. **Mr. Matt Versluis**- Math I & II 8E, Math I & II 9-12E, Biology E, PE 8-9 E, Football, Boys BB. **Mrs. Julia Ann Ward**- Secretary. **Ms. Elizabeth Warren**- Alt. Ed. IV, English 10 A & R, Jr. Beta sponsor, Freshman sponsor, English Academic team.



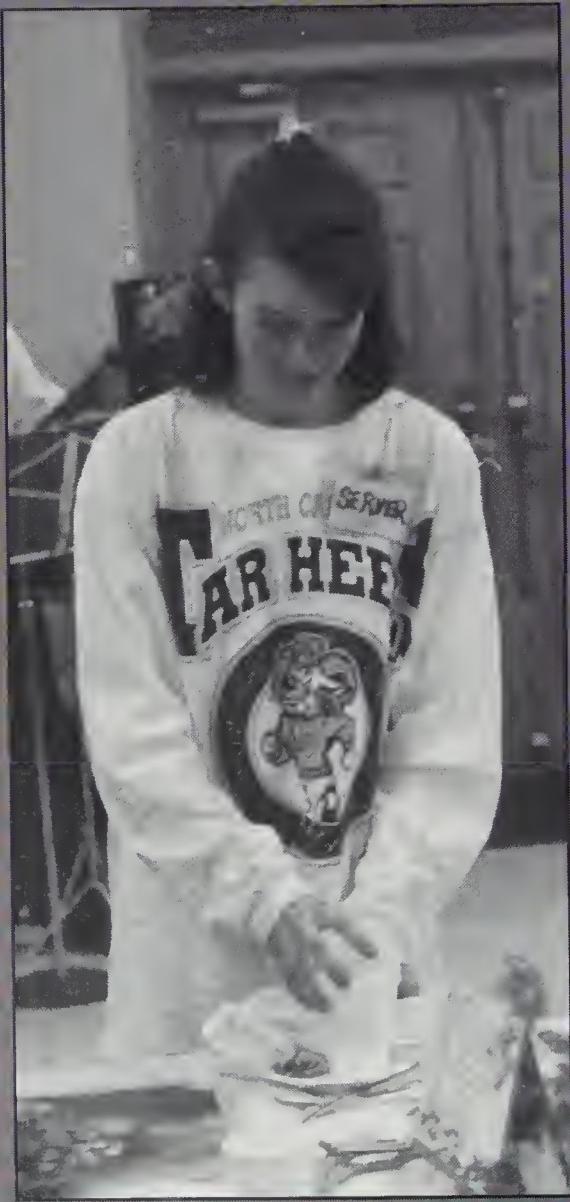
Mr. Mike Weber- E. Chemistry, Earth Sci., Tennis, Science Dept. Head, Eighth grade football, Challenge. **Mrs. Joyce Wray**- Art I, II, & III, Fund. of Art, Art Club, Senior class sponsor, Fine Arts Dept. Head.



Leader of the pack. Band Director, Mr. Kevin Lewis, addresses the students assembled in the auditorium to hear the chorus and band perform and tells about their next number.



Cleaning with a cause. FCA member, Abigail Biggs, assists at the "Home Alone" Thanksgiving dinner as a service project for the club.



GLACIAL GATHERINGS

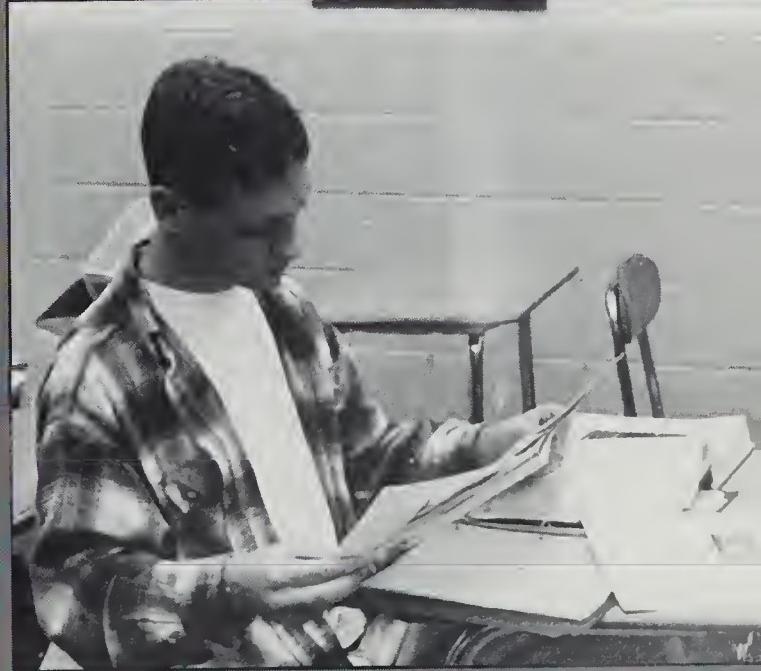
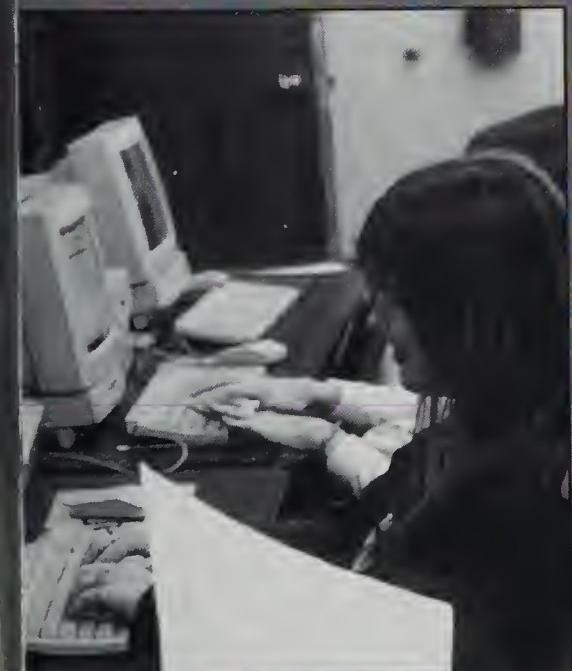


Group meetings provided a break to the daily routine and allowed students the opportunity to get involved. Leadership skills were encouraged through officers and competitive events. Academic teams and forensics gave students chances to display their talents academically.

These "glacial gatherings" brought students together and helped them realize the importance of community support and involvement.

Listen carefully. Varsity club member Jason Wood and his special olympian take note of the instructions for the next event.

Hot off the press. Journalism students spent hours working on the Cougar Review which was sold to students like Travis Bash, who enjoyed reading the articles.



Junior & Senior Beta



Jr. Beta: Front; l-r: Dana Trent, Sarah Pilson, Michele Holt, Alison Brammer, Giselle Batcheller, Eric McKinney, Jessica Belcher, Susan Culler, Erin Wilson, LaTonya Hylton, Second: Christina Zimmerman, Sheila Bowman, Sarah Taylor, Jessica Mabe, Emily Qualls, Aleta Seay, Rebecca Phillips, Tina Foley, Jana Foley, Douglass Hall, Third: Michelle Lambert, Abigail Biggs, Misty Hazelwood, Abby Rodgers, Sondra Hopkins, Joni Del-

Ienback, Vanessa Foley, Andrea Bowman, Ashly Johnson, Libby Belcher, Edward Gregory, Fourth: Travis Hite, Terrence Nowlin, Justin Gammons, David Vaughn, Slade Mankins, Bryan Kornet, Jeff Stowe, Andrew Blackwell, Carter Deekens, Rusty McPeak, Terry Plaster



Senior Beta: Front; l-r: Kristen Runge, Tina Hughes, Jon Hutchens, Wyshona Lawson, Holly Terry, Christian Batcheller, Second: Kris Smith, Tammy Martin, Rachel Pendleton, Mandy Trent, Curt Akers, Zach Kreager, Third: John Taylor, Becky Leeper, Summer East, Amy Williams, Fourth: Art Anthony, Alison Slate, Stephen Walker, Sue Cummings, Robin Pendleton, Tracie Holt, Fifth: Amy Nelson, Kelly Collins, Teresa Hutchens, Jennifer Reynolds, Janie Conner, Tonya

Vipperman, Katie Barrow, Julie Turner, Sixth: Danielle Muller, Sarah Dean, Sarah Meade, Coby Hubbard, Rachel Turner, Christy Buckland, Cindy Stanley, Marlina Cox, Tara Vipperman, Donice Smart, Seventh: Jonathon Lawson, Jason Wood, Ryan Pilson, Joey Gunter, Jon Hutchens, Dana Nelson, Scott Eastridge, Shannon Rorrer, Timmy Wilson.



Is everyone watching? Junior Beta sponsor Mrs. Elizabeth Warren shows Giselle Batcheller, Abby Rodgers, Misty Hazelwood, and Travis Nowlin the correct way to stuff Christ-

mas envelopes. Junior Beta members sent a little holiday joy to a local nursing home.



You put this board here. Senior Beta members Mitch Sheppard and Mandy Trent work on the bonfire for Homecoming. Although the initial bonfire was rained out, it was worth it when it finally began to burn. Beta

members had to work extra hard to maintain their averages and keep up with their extracurricular activities.



Academic Excellence Striving For Perfection



Junior Beta required a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Students that made up the club strived for excellence. Not only was Jr. Beta for academic performance, but it was also for the characteristics the person held. Students in the club worked for the community addressing Christmas cards for residents of Blue Ridge Nursing Home. This was also the first time they participated in a Junior Beta convention held in Roanoke, Virginia. The club was led by Mrs. Elizabeth Warren, Mrs. Debbie Blackwell and president Alison Brammer.

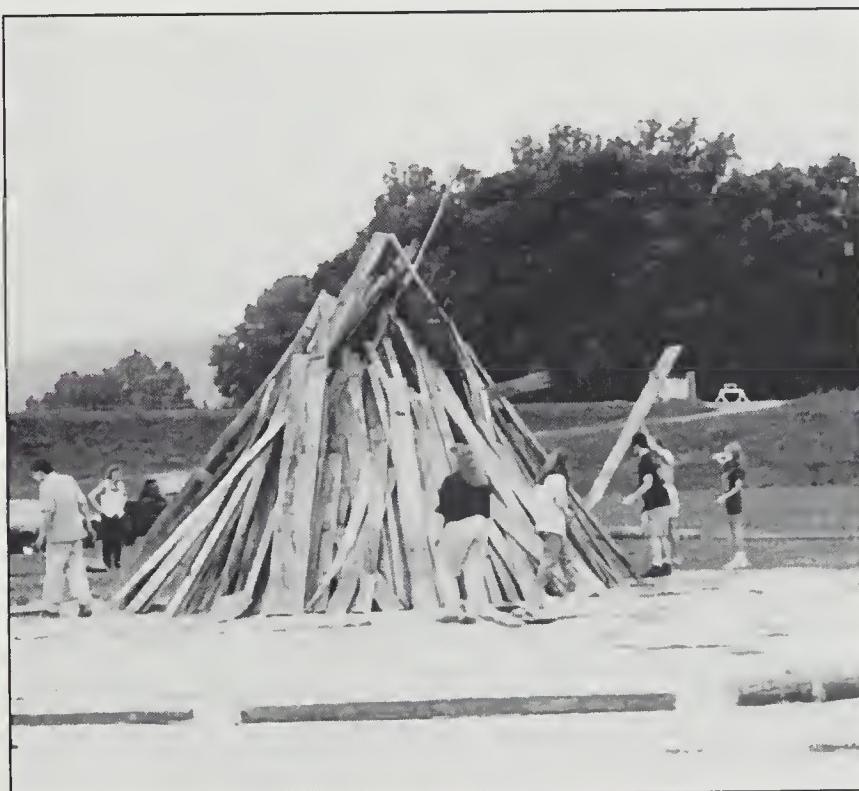
Senior Beta was made up of 75 hardworking students. President Tina Hughes, headed up the club which did many exciting activities. Members worked at a school

beautification project, a service to the elderly, making holiday baskets, and gave a scholarship to a deserving senior. Doughnut sales brought in a large revenue for the club, which allowed the club to go to a State Beta Convention held in Williamsburg, Virginia. Junior and Senior Beta strived to build character, community awareness, and maintain the principles of leadership.

The Challenge club included 142 members. This group of young people, led by Mr. Mike Weber and Mr. Stephen Henderson, was challenged to reach a higher level of academic achievement. The club took part in many educational experiences, such as a trip to the beach and a trip to the zoo.



"Beta was an added incentive to maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or better." Vanessa Foley



Moving Right Along Alison Brammer, Junior Beta president, works hard at preparing envelopes to be sent to Laurel Meadows Nursing Home. A special meeting had to be held, after the original meeting was cancelled because of snow.

Awaiting the Fire Senior Beta members take a look and make final adjustments to the boards used at the bonfire. Students enjoyed participating in keeping school spirit burning, and the bonfire was a great way to get it all started.

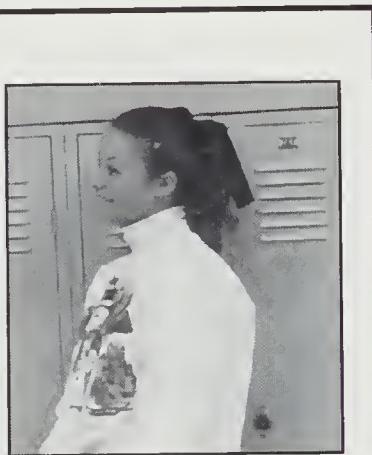


Craving Competition

Academic Enhancement

The math, science, literature and social studies teams worked hard this year to strive for academic excellence. Competitors practiced after school to prepare for the upcoming season. The math team was coached by Mrs. Mary Jane Taylor. These members studied hard on complicated math problems, which sometimes caused quite a large headache, but it all paid off when the students showed just how much they had learned.

Mr. Arnie Kloock supervised the science team. The literature team introduced a new coach this year, Mrs. Amy Short. To be able to be strong in the competition members had to read many works and share with the group. The

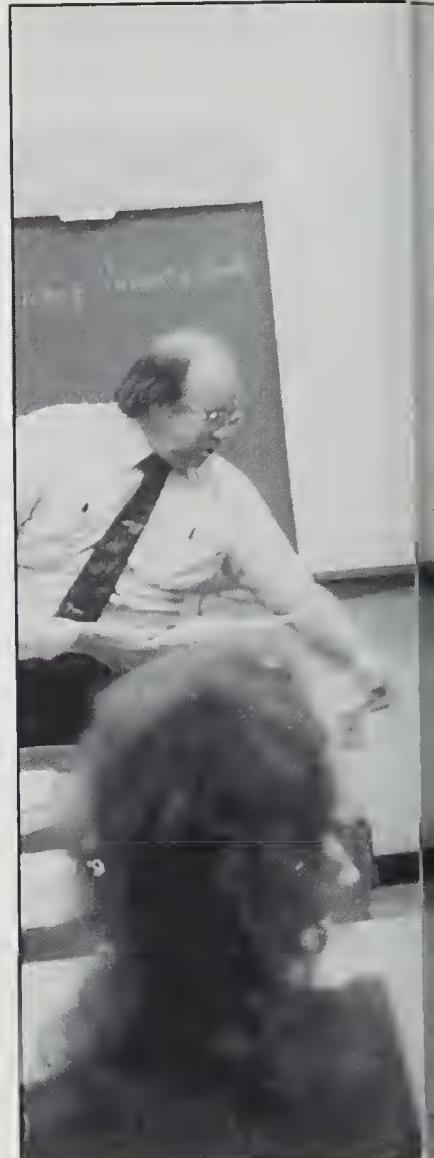


"Forensics is a great opportunity for students to express themselves. I have really enjoyed it because Mrs. Phyllis Eastridge has made it a wonderful experience."

Kandy Marshall

social studies team worked hard researching the past and studying for the future. Social studies was coached by Mr. Ray Smith.

Forensics was an exciting activity for many students. It gave them a chance to express themselves using two very powerful tools, speech and emotion. Mrs. Phyllis Eastridge, forensics coach, stated, "Forensics gives confidence and trains people to perform before an audience." Students interested in forensics found that to succeed one needed certain qualities, such as effective speaking and use of mechanics. Forensics effectively encouraged students to read more and form opinions.



That's a good one! Amy Williams and Julie Turner share a laugh as their academic team sponsor makes a joke. Laughter often helped to relieve tension, especially before a big competition.

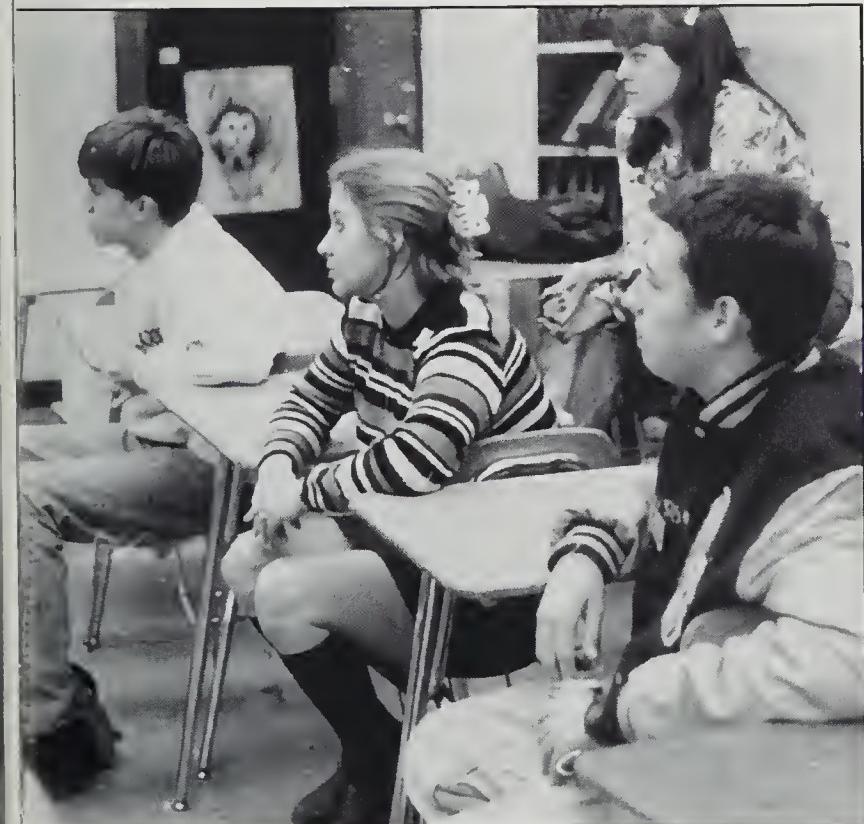
And in conclusion.... Sandra Bryant and Justin Gammons watch attentively as their academic sponsor goes over important information. Paying attention was crucial to the success of the academic teams.





Check it out! Natalie Smith is patiently waiting as Mr. Arnie Kloock introduces details of an academic competition. In-

formation contained in these after-school sessions could easily be the key to winning a tournament.



any more bright ideas? Jon Hutchens, Denise Puckett, David Vaughn, and Emily Qualls are waiting eagerly to hear important information on the next academic compe-

ition. The academic team members represented our school well while showing exceptional sportsmanship.

Academic Teams



Academic Teams: Front, l-r: Sandra Bryant, Denise Puckett, Amy Williams, Sarah Taylor, Second: Stephen Walker, Kris Smith, John Taylor, David Vaughn, Third: Brian Hines, Justin Gammons,

Jon Hutchens, Matthew Clement, Travis Hite, Fourth: Josh Hopkins, James Fulcher, Rebekah Layman, Ryan Pilson, Rachel Turner, Eric McKinney.



Forensics: Front, l-r: Jeremy Pack, Sarah Taylor, April Rotenberry, Leigh Pendleton, Traci Holt, Jennifer Reynolds, Amy Joyce; Second: John Taylor, Eric McKinney, Jon Hutchens, Rachel Pen-

dleton, Kandy Marshall, Rebecca Hurley, Donice Smart, Tracy Owens.



New Horizons & Health Careers



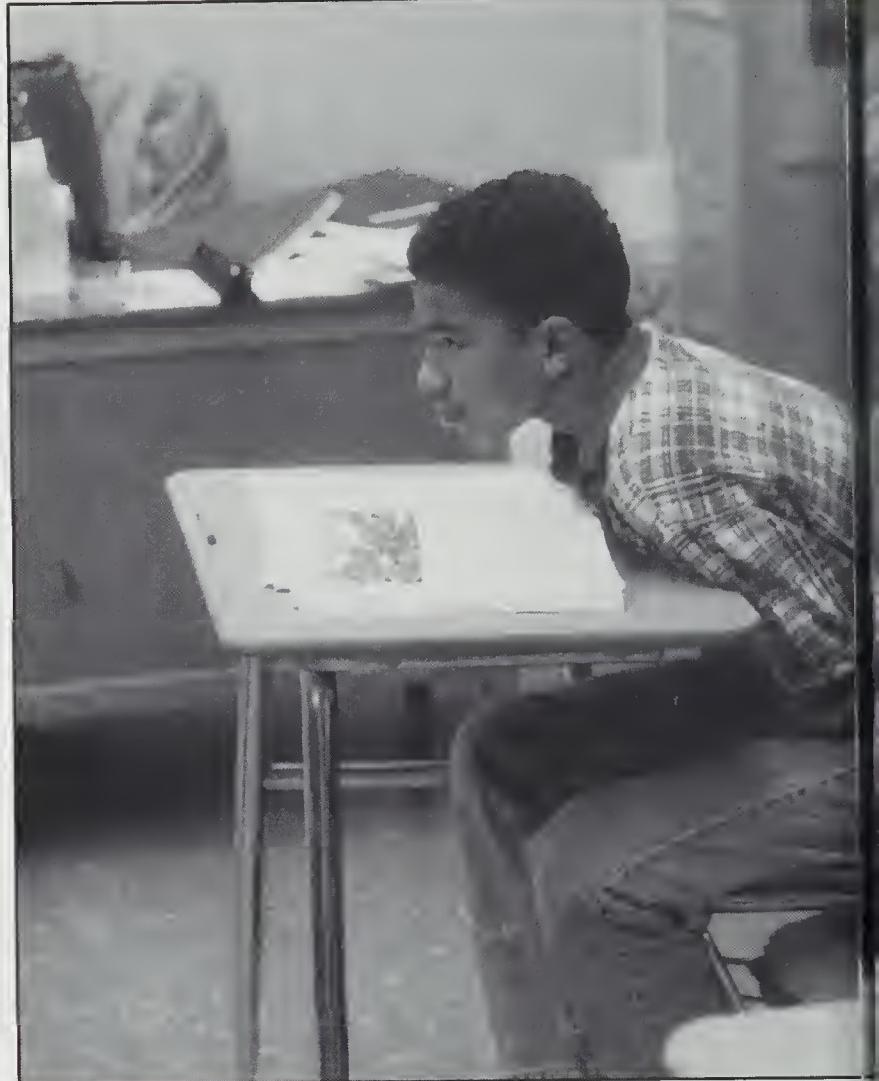
Health Careers: Front; l-r: Kim Cul-
ler, Angela Hamm, Alicia DeHart,
Michele Cockerham, Second: Misty
Keen, Ladaí Clark, Susan Culler,
Wendy Bunn, Crystal Chappel, Su-
san Mabe, Sheila Bowman, Kristi Ra-
chels, Amanda Chitwood, Third:

Tina Foley, Terri Hamm, Holly We-
ber, Eydie Smith, Amanda Hall,
Rhonda McAlexander, Summer Ad-
ams, Tori Bailey, Dana Nelson, Ra-
chel Pendleton.



New Horizons: Left to Right: Robert
Boyd, Janie Layman, Amy Short, Nettie
Volkers, Jonathon Volkers, Melinda
Comer, Natasha Clark, Angel Volkers,

Kim Tatum, Monica Lively, Dwann
Thomas, Bobby Hopkins.



Patiently Waiting New horizons club mem-
ber, Michael King, patiently waits for the
club meeting period to begin. Students al-

ways looked forward to the club day, es-
pecially when they knew many exciting ac-
tivities were planned for them.



I'm Getting Dizzy Nekeyda Tatum patiently
gives blood at the health careers club-
sponsored bloodmobile. The health careers

club sponsored and helped operate two
bloodmobiles.



Helping Others

Members Show Their Large Hearts



The 25 members of the Health Careers club may one day become the next "Carter" or "Dr. Green" like the well-known stars of E.R., but these young ladies were concentrating on helping the community this year. They were often seen keeping Virginia green by picking up trash on the highways. They also made Halloween treats for TMH students, teachers, administrators, and secretaries. They made Christmas cards for the Laurel Meadows Nursing Home, and assisted with fall and spring Bloodmobiles. President Alicia DeHart, Vice President Angela Hamm, Secretary



"Helping the community was a large part of health careers." Amanda Hall

Kim Culler, and Historian Michelle Cockerham, helped keep the club organized and community oriented.

And over the horizon a bright light shone, that was what the members of the New Horizons club were, a bright light. The 12 members of this club constructed weaved baskets, keychains, and jewelry, but that wasn't the half of their many talents. Natasha Clark served as President and Kim Tatum helped out as Vice President. These girls kept the club on task making their many crafts. Everyone in this club had artistic ability and a large heart.



Hey, I'm going to laugh it off. Club advisor Amy Marshall and president Alicia DeHart take time to laugh at a comment made by a club member. Clubs stayed very busy, but also worked to make sure everything stayed fun. Sometimes juggling the two was hard but worth it.

It's nice to see you again. New Horizons advisor Mrs. Melinda Comer greets member Dwann Thomas before the start of another busy club meeting. New horizons members stayed active by making crafts. Some were given away and others were kept.



Jack of Trades

Preparing for a Productive Career

Students who took advantage of VICA, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, also took advantage of a jump start into their future. VICA allowed students to get hands on experience and prepare them for an immediate occupation after school. Cosmetology, electronics, auto mechanics, and building trades allowed students to work on their chosen area on a daily basis. Many of these classes lasted from two to three periods a day; allowing students to see all jobs through to completion. VICA met on regular club days in the gym, however, they met only three times a



"VICA was very, very informative, especially the extremely interesting things learned during class time."

Cindy Foley

year as a whole; dividing up by sections for the remainder of the year. Club advisors Mrs. Helen Boyd, Mr. Bruce Dollarhite, Mr. Dale Steele, and Mr. Phillip Steagall kept this club very busy with many exciting activities. Students took part in an annual rally. The Annual Fall Rally gave students that added push to work to their potential. The rally allowed students to see what other VICA clubs did in the course of a year and gave students a chance to show off their skills. VICA was another wonderful example of the importance of club activities at PCHS.



What station does this thing pick up? Kevin Martin works diligently on his class radio. Being in VICA allowed students to share their skills with others who had the same interests. This was a big part of participating in clubs.

Time to Be Exact Kevin Bowman takes class time to practice his skills. Students learned that they had to be exact when they were building. Many skills were needed, such as math, art, and science.



VICA



The red cord goes here. Justin Plasters works hard on a class project. Class time allowed electronics students to learn while using their hands and their minds. This method was often the most effective.



Madame President. VICA sectional president Cindy Fulcher takes a moment to catch her breath during a club meeting. The VICA club was so large it often split up into

different sections to hold meetings. VICA met three times as a whole club and the rest of the time met by their vocational interests.

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America



VICA: Seated, l-r: L.J. Hutchens, Justin Plasters, Cindy Stanley, Second: Trivia Koger, Lisa Holt, Ada Tajeda, Beth Morris, Stephen Holt, Valerie Hughes, Cindy Fulcher, Jennifer Scott, Jessica Haynes, Matt Shough, Third: Joey Thompson, Kevin Johnson, Rochelle Hatcher, Mandy Coleman, Pam Cassell, Dana Roop, Amy Shough, Holly Verran, Joey Erichetti, Kevin Mabe, Standing Front:

Mr. Dale Steele, Joe Collins, Daniel Martin, Eric Payne, James Hensley, Glen Barrett, J.R. Vipperman, Jeremiah Mabe, Timmy Sutphin, Steve Hardin, Ryan Rorer, Second: Mr. Bruce Dollarhite, Daniel Gray, Jason Goins, Matt Harnsberger, Judy Hubbard, Jason Dillon, Alan Hamm, John Cruise, Mr. Phillip Steagall, Mrs. Helen Boyd.



Future Homemakers of America



FFA: First row: Nekeyda Tatum, Jessi Taylor, Jessica Terry, Regina Edwards, Alexis Winslow; 2nd row: Sara Levi, Lisa Foley, Natasha Rucker, Susan Mabe, Rebecca Deal; 3rd row: Jerry Fain, Chessy Springston, Tabitha Rorrer, Elissa Brim; 4th row: Pearl DeGarmo, India Lawson, Lindy Penn; 5th row: Mrs. Naomi Conner, Mrs. Carmen Heath, Tarongular Redd, Amanda Williams, Phillip Linster

Single in the 90's. "You can even take your date for a walk in the woods." Mr. Brian Turman amused the audience with his remarks to questions about being single in the 90's.



What to say? Mr. Kevin Short ponders his question about family life during the FHA club's "talk show" presentation. Students asked tough questions of the participants,

which required a lot of thought. Members were appreciative of all the parents, students, and teachers who participated.



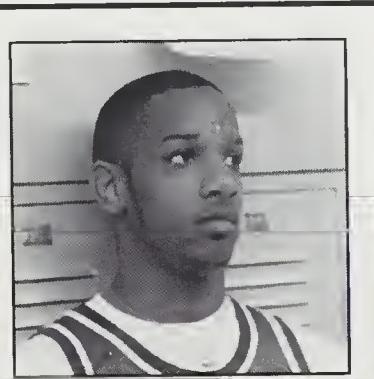
FHA

All the Way



Members of the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) organization strived to have an excellent club which allowed members to have fun, give back to the community, and learn the importance of family values.

With the sponsorship of Mrs. Naomi Conner, President Tarongular Redd, Secretary/Treasurer Lindy Penn, and Reporter/Historian Marissa Brim helped the club and its members through a challenging year. Activities that kept the club busy included a cookout, field trip to International Furniture Market, skating, a banquet, as well as community services like a walk-a-thon and re-



"FHA was great. I was glad I could brighten the holiday of the family our club adopted." Phillip Linster

cycling. "I think FHA is one of the best clubs, because the members are willing to do what needs to be done," explained Natasha Rucker. FHA was a club for anyone planning to become a homemaker and included boys; the national president was a boy. FHA stood as a club for the importance of home and family life. The organization opened new doors as it helped members develop skills for career and community involvement.

FHA was an important part of members' lives. "I think FHA is an outstanding club to join. It's a blast!" exclaimed Teresa Jarvis.



Welcome to "Family Matters"! FHA students staged and hosted a mock talk show in the auditorium with a panel of teachers, students, and parents.

Listening Attentively. Students enjoyed the presentation of "Family Matters" tremendously. By having this presentation open to all classes who wished to attend, the FHA club gave students a nice break to a routine day, and also helped them learn about family issues.



More Than Agriculture *Appreciation of the World*

With more than 50 members, Future Farmers of America (FFA) was a growing club. The students who kept this club rolling were Katie Frisco, President; Denise Puckett, Vice President; Nathan Register, Secretary; Barbara Goard, Reporter; Jason Shough, Parliamentarian; and Jamie Snider, Treasurer. This club stood out from others because it was one of the only organizations to use parliamentary procedure.

FFA sponsors urged students to join, because it



"I enjoy FFA. It is a great club for anyone who wants to become a farmer of any type."

Kellie Martin

was an integral part of each agriculture class. Other benefits of the club were the many activities that were held. They attended a convention at Virginia Tech and made a trip to R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Entertainment events like a tractor drive and cookouts were important to members. Fruit sales helped fund the costs of such events. Overall, FFA was an organization for leadership, responsibility, and a place to learn about nature.



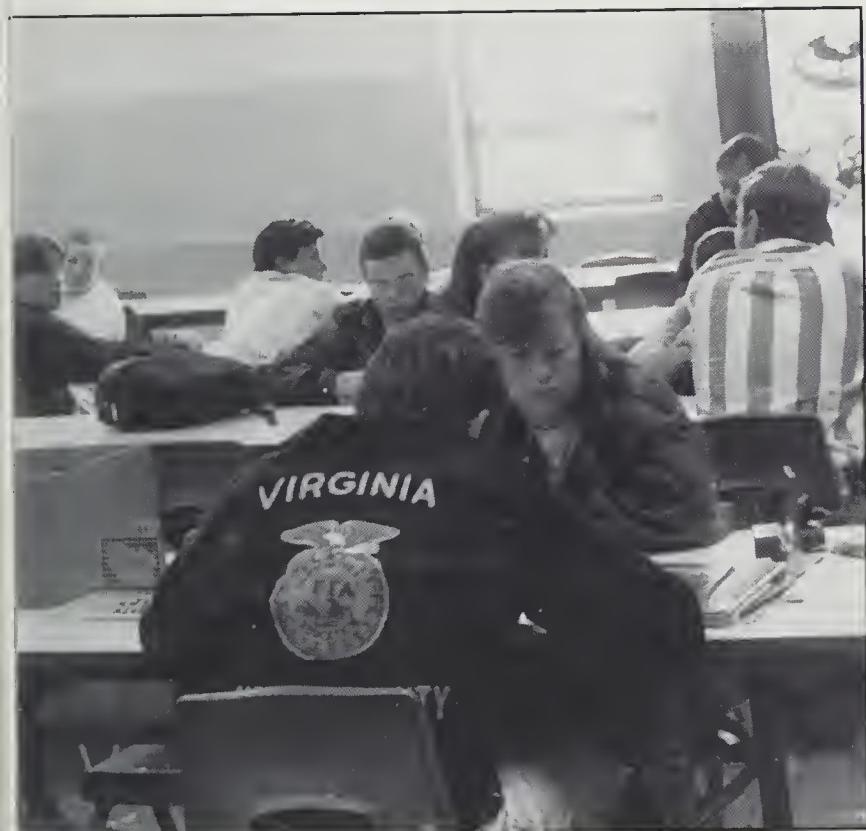
How many oranges? Josh Lawson chuckles during an FFA meeting held in the cafeteria. Students had to return at night to pick up all the boxes of oranges they had sold for the

FFA fundraiser. Selling produce was a nice break from selling candy, which a lot of clubs did as fundraisers.



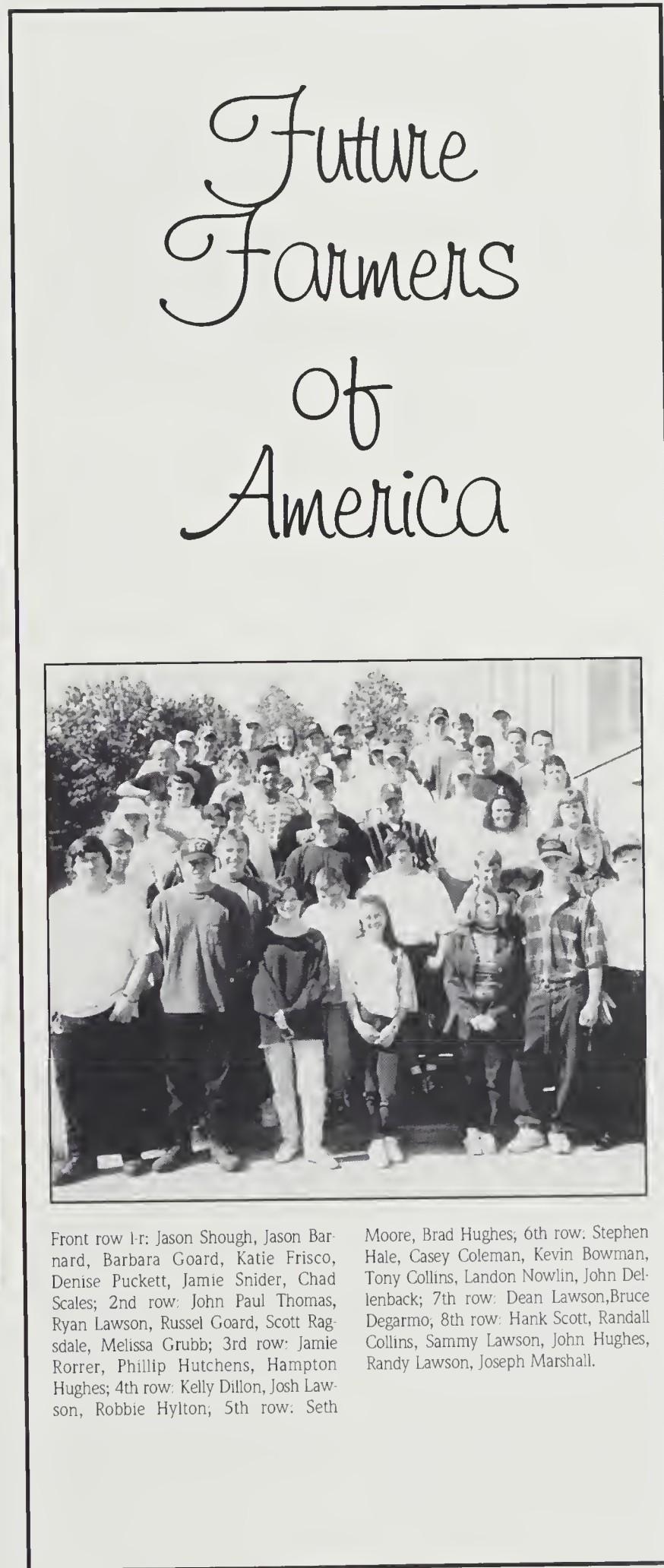


New Business? Denise Puckett awaits responses to the call for new business during an FFA meeting. This club followed parliamentary procedure to conduct club business.



Now listen, members. Mr. Kenneth Cox discusses club events with FFA members. Clubs tried to stay active with a variety of community and school service projects.

What to do? FFA club member, Melissa Lawson, listens as activities are being discussed. Clubs gave students a nice break in their school day.



Front row l-r: Jason Shough, Jason Barnard, Barbara Goard, Katie Frisco, Denise Puckett, Jamie Snider, Chad Scales; 2nd row: John Paul Thomas, Ryan Lawson, Russel Goard, Scott Ragsdale, Melissa Grubb; 3rd row: Jamie Rorrer, Phillip Hutchens, Hampton Hughes; 4th row: Kelly Dillon, Josh Lawson, Robbie Hylton; 5th row: Seth Moore, Brad Hughes; 6th row: Stephen Hale, Casey Coleman, Kevin Bowman, Tony Collins, Landon Nowlin, John Dellenback; 7th row: Dean Lawson, Bruce Degarmo, 8th row: Hank Scott, Randall Collins, Sammy Lawson, John Hughes, Randy Lawson, Joseph Marshall.



Soda or Water? Mrs. Judy Pollard, club sponsor, helps out by pouring drinks for students who stand in line waiting to eat. This impromptu Christmas party was a reward for members who worked hard all semester.

Future Business Leaders of America



Front row: Kim Bowman, Rebecca Hurley, Melissa Ayers; 2nd row: Susan Bowman, Angela Thompson, Ava Casdady, Nicole Caudill, Rene Barnard, Tammy Martin, April Rotenberry; 3rd row: Ginger Pace, Summer Helms, Mary Ann Hartman, Amanda Goins, Mandy Nester, Tracy Tatum, Mary Beth Gregory; 4th row: Ann Cobler, Melissa Stowe, Jennifer Bishop, Brandy Bowman; 5th row: Rebecca Lawson, Amanda Watson,

Lisa Nelson, Amy Joyce; 6th row: Robin Luckado, Janet Bryant, Farrah Scott, Jessica Hall, Missy Jones, Robin Coleman, Leigh Ann Pendleton; 7th row: Matt Fields, Wally Anglin, Tabitha Dalton, Robert Salmons, Joey Martin, Terrence Lee, Renee Allen, Jennifer Cockram, Tabitha Bocock



Which is which? Janet Bryant discusses the drink choices with Mrs. Dianne Hughes. FBLA was a large club, and it took a lot of preparation to have a party with enough food to feed everyone.



Better Business Tomorrow's Leaders



What better way to start off your business life than being in the ultimate business club — Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)?

The club officers included Kim Bowman, President; Rebecca Hurley, Vice President; Melissa Ayers, Secretary; Angela Thompson, Treasurer; Summer Helms, Historian; as well as Mary Ann Hartman, Reporter. With these young ladies in charge many informative yet interesting activities were conducted. Club members participated in conferences, invited speakers to share information, assisted



"FBLA was an exciting club to be in. Most of the jobs in the world have something to do with computers, and FBLA prepares you for this."

Renee Allen

with the business fair, held an FBLA Week banquet, and held community service projects. The 53 members learned not only from sponsors but from each other.

"FBLA is a very good club. It's interesting. I enjoyed going to Radford University a lot," stated Tabitha Bocock. This organization enabled members to learn business skills by conducting a fundraiser.

Joining FBLA was a great way to learn about business and to have fun while working together to accomplish goals.



This was how much? Summer Helms takes time to look over the price list and make sure all her products are correct. One of the most awaited times in fundraising was when the items came in.

I sold all this? Club member Ginger Pace is surprised at just how many fundraising items she sold. Fundraisers were important to keep clubs running and to offset the costs of activities.



Getting Introduced To the World of Work

DECA prepared students for the future in the world of work. The club was extremely useful to help students get a head start on their future by working coop.

Under the leadership of Mr. Leon Pollard, President Shannon Griffin, Vice-President Lori Wood, Secretary Melissa Hopkins, Treasurer Michael Harrell, Parliamentarian Amy Handy, and Reporter Brent Corns enabled members to be more prepared for jobs before or after high school graduation.

DECA members entered

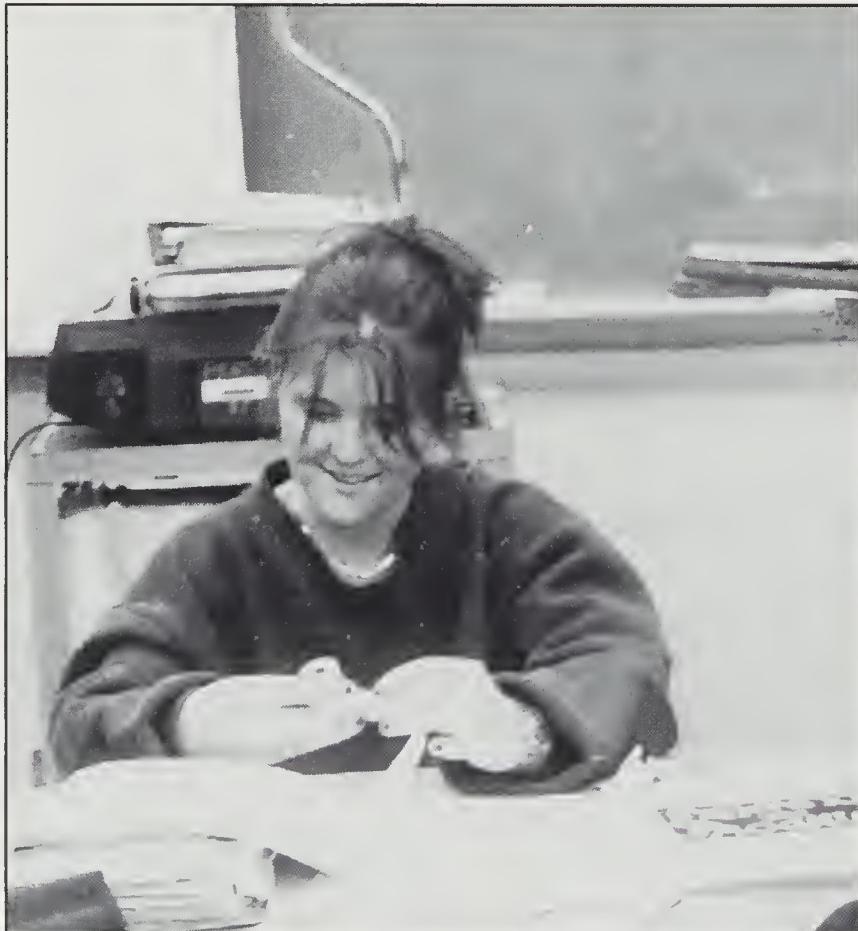


"Being the treasurer of DECA was the highlight of my life." Mike Harrell

competitive events in Martinsville throughout the school year. This helped prove to the students that they had a sense of citizenship and leadership. These factors provided some insight for members about the work force.

To the members, DECA stood for understanding of vocational ideas to help them in the future and gave them a sense of social intelligence.

Club member, Lori Wood, stated, "I like DECA because it is so cool. We have such a groovy time eating, talking, and mingling."

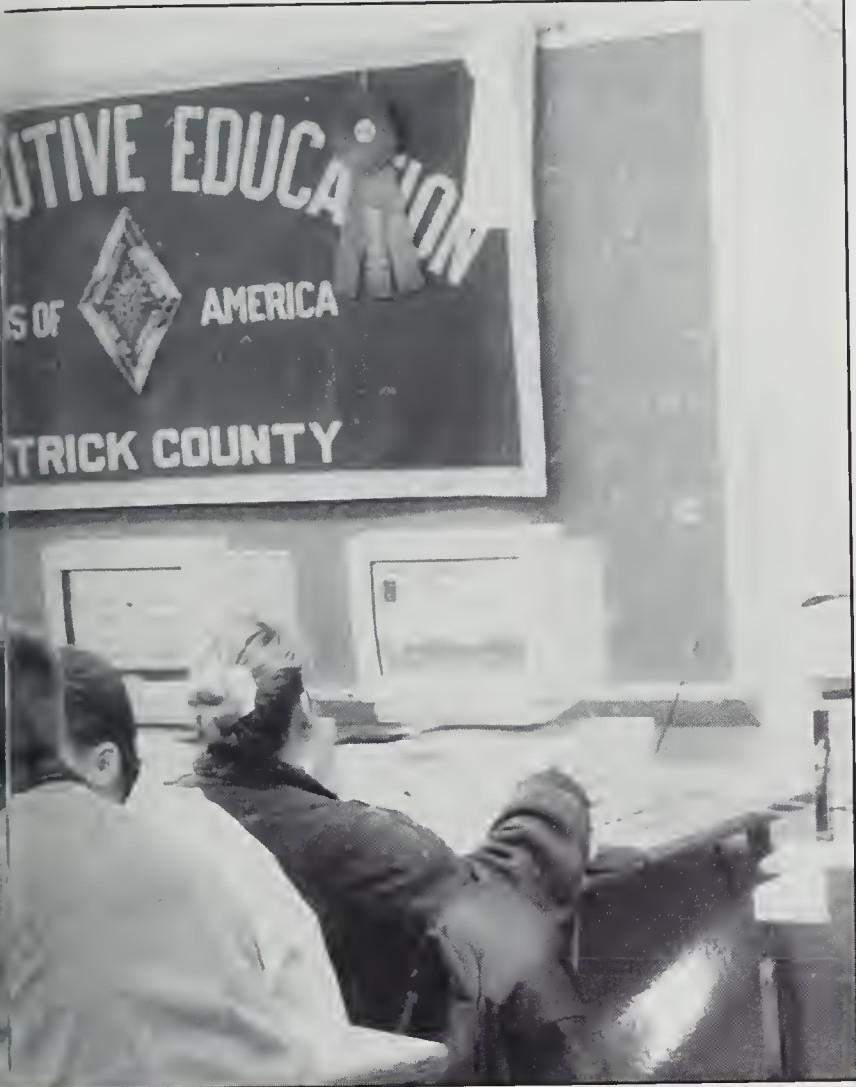


Finished Business. Amy Dunham is relieved as another club project comes to a close in DECA. Club projects kept students very busy.

Got to get going. Club member, Brent Corns, stated, "I enjoy being in DECA because I get to be with all my friends for an hour and have fun!"



DECA



earn a profit today? DECA members enjoyed using the computer as a learning tool. They studied the fundamentals of running a business, and the computer was a useful

tool. Members were also proud to display their banner and ribbons in the classroom.



A huddle? Students often looked as if they were in a football game huddle during club meetings as they planned activities. Being able to work as a team is very important in

business, and students had to work together to bring about club activities.

Distributive Education Clubs of America



DECA: Front row l-r: Josh Vipperman, Nikki Brown, Amy Handy, David Short; Back row: Mr. Leon Pollard, Josh Clement, Michael Harrell, Brent Corns, Lori Wood, Amy Dunham.



Art E Photography



Art: Seated: Anthony Bennett; First row l-r: Andrea Hopkins, Mickey Edwards, Robert Wimbish, Amy Boyd, Mrs. Joyce Wray; Second row l-r: Chris Collins, Shawn Crouse, Cynthia Foley, Ashly Shelton, Jennifer Inscore; Third row l-r: Rusty McPeak, Bambi Wimbush, Mica Conner, Chris Burkhardt, Jacob Bullins; Fourth row l-r: Kyle Erickson, Chad Bowman, Josh Bowman, Sybil Slate; Fifth row l-r: Jason Boyd, Chris Wagoner,

Zach Smith, Michelle Lambert, Sheila Bowman; Sixth row l-r: Dennis Hancock, Jennifer McKeithan, Jennifer Matheny, Gary Church; Seventh row l-r: Jason Bevins, Rebecca Lawson, Andy Foley, Jon Nowlin, Tony Thomas, Corey Dixon, Bruce Shaw.



Photography: Seated, Left to Right: Sarah Pilson, Chasity Meadors, James Pampani, Holly Terry, Stephen Turner, Katie Nelson, Evelyn Branch; Standing, Left to Right: Buford Lawless, Jamie Ror-

rer, Heather Pack, Abby Rodgers, Justin Woodall, Tony Vaughn, Lucas Lawson, Patrick Pascale.



Sure Shot! Members of the photography club take down important notes during a club meeting. Members needed to know the

fundamentals of operating a camera and taking pictures before they tried to capture that perfect shot.



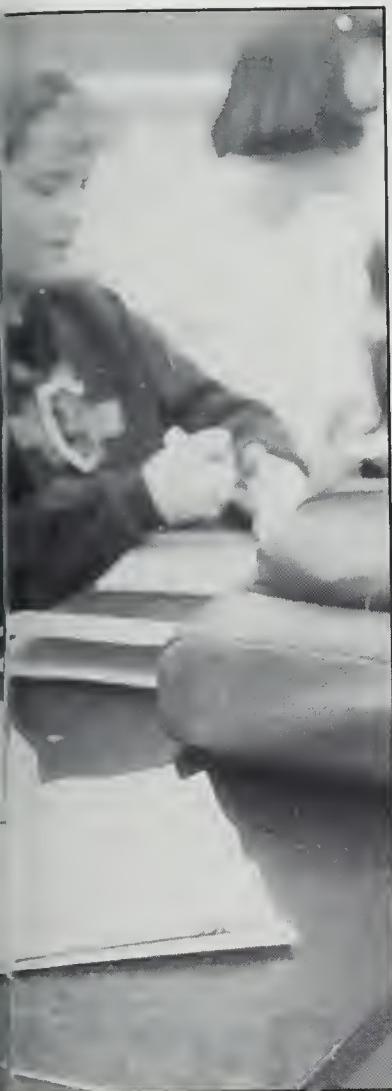
Win, lose, or draw. Tony Dalton is putting his creativity down on paper. Art students often found themselves wondering what to draw or what colors to use. Using their

creativity and seeing their original artwork was a great reward for these future artists.



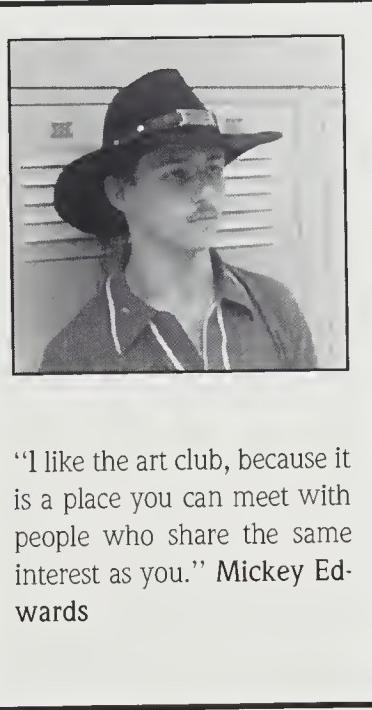
Picture Perfect

Students Express Themselves With Art



The art club was going strong with more than 64 members. The art club's officers this year were Robbie Wimbish, President; Anthony Bennett, Vice-President; Andrea Hopkins, Secretary; Amy Boyd, Treasurer; and Mickey Edwards, Historian.

The art club competed in a high school art competition at Radford University and did a library art exhibit. They took a field trip to see "Art on the Square" in Roanoke and to SECCA in Winston-Salem. These activities helped the art club to strive to create an awareness in the community of the importance of



"I like the art club, because it is a place you can meet with people who share the same interest as you." Mickey Edwards

art involvement. The art club aided students in creative thinking, visual expression, and critical judgment. Stephanie Litwin said, "What I liked about the art club was that it was fun and interesting."

The photography club was an exciting addition that allowed students to express their thoughts with a camera. Supervised by Mrs. Brenda Martin, members were allowed to photograph whatever they deemed important in the school. Holly Terry stated, "Since I enjoy taking pictures so much, being president of photography club was a great experience."



A picture is worth a thousand words. Chasity Meadors takes pictures for the photography club. She seems enthused about her work, and it shows in her pictures.

The next Picasso. Chris Wagoner lets his fingers do the walking across his paper to complete yet another masterpiece.



Something Else Clubs with Variety

PARTY stood for "Positive Attitude Required Toward Yourself," and the 22 members certainly maintained this standard. Supervised by Mrs. Mary Fields, this club thrived under the leadership of President, Carissa Hughes; Vice President, Celena Smith; Secretary, Megan Hines; and Historian, Sherry McClain. Some of the activities members took part in were Red Ribbon Week, a prom promise assembly, and gathering of Christmas toys for a needy family.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) had a busy year. This club of 58 members was supervised by Mrs. Cindy Terry and Ms.



"FEA was an awesome club; it allowed me to learn more about my future profession, teaching!"
Dyan Rusmisel

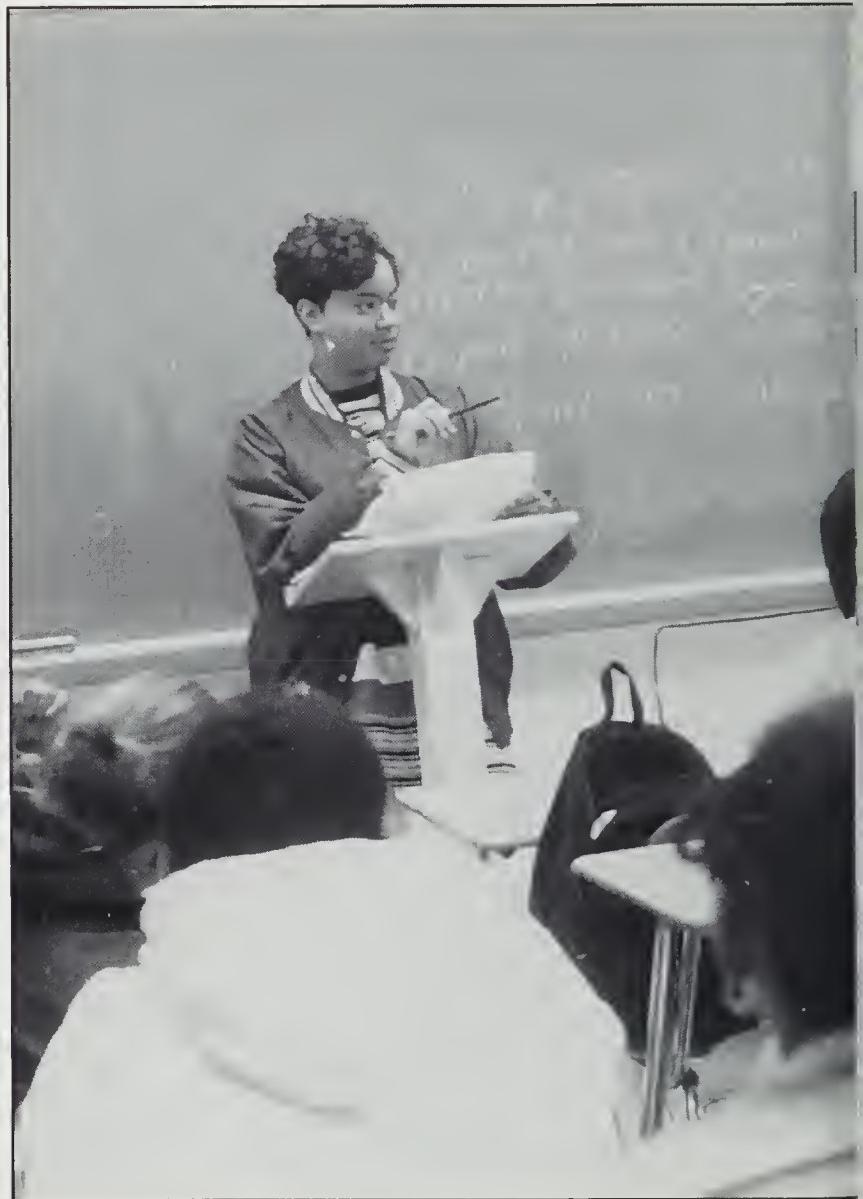
Bidgie Buchanan. FCA was unique in that the offices held were Captain, Robin Pendleton; Co-captain, Justin Plaster; and Secretary, Eric McKinney. FCA members emphasized Christian faith.

FEA, Future Educators of America, members took advantage of the club that prepared them for a career in education. Happily leading this club was President, Dyan Rusmisel; Vice President, Stephanie Talbert; Treasurer, Amy Boyd; and Secretary, Sarah Pilson. FEA took part in services to the community, such as a Retired Teacher's Tea.



Sacrificing Siblings. Brother and sister FCA members, Jeremy Pack and Heather Pack, give up a day to help serve meals for a Thanksgiving dinner. This was just one of the community service projects conducted by FCA members.

Being the big shot. Carissa Hughes goes through the motions for the PARTY meeting, which was one of her duties as president. Club presidents held challenging positions and worked very hard throughout the year at all club functions.





ish it out! Traci Holt prepares a "Home lone" Thanksgiving dinner at Stuart Baptist church. FCA members helped by preparing and serving meals for those in attendance.

Speak now or forever hold your peace.
Sarah Pilson gives a speech during an FEA meeting. Speeches help get members involved in their clubs.



PARTY, FCA, & FEA



PARTY: Front, l-r: Robert Cobb, Brenda Perry, Megan Hines, Jessica Nelson, Amy L. Martin, Jenny Lawson; Second, Angela Noonester, Eric Hughes, DeWayne Roberson, Carissa Hughes, Sherry McClain, Anitra Huff, Latoya Pettigrew, Nicole Hill, Rebecca Handy, and Melissa Whorley.



FCA: Letter F, f to b: Stephen Walker, Joni Dellenback, Gentry Turner, Jeremy Pack, Christi Williams, Jennifer McKinney, Janie Conner, Laura Haden, Amanda Goins, Matthew Clement, Robin Pendleton, Justin Plaster, Douglas Whorley, Eric McKinney, Blaire Swails; Letter C: Holly Terry, Stephen Turner, Scott Niedjela, Brian Kornett, Kim Eastman, Jessica Mabe, Sarah Taylor, Heather Pack, Amy C. Martin, Vanessa Foley, Abigail Biggs, Matt Fields, Ryan Vaughn, Stephanie Jessup, Cecily Dalton, April

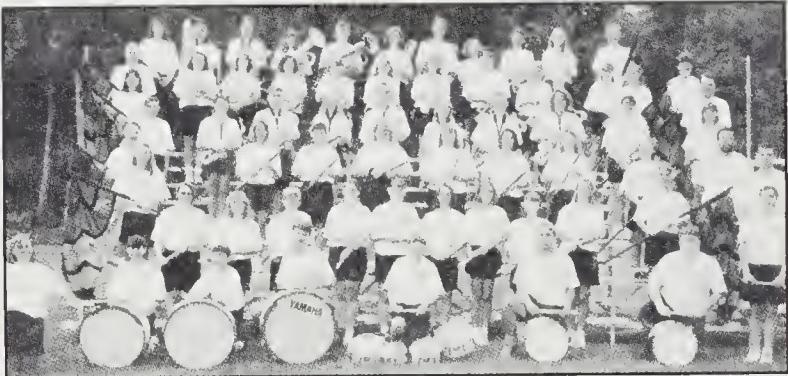
Watson; Letter A: Jennifer McKeithan, Evan Loflin, Traci Holt, April Rotenberry, Wendy Clark, Donice Smart, Raina Feron, Amanda Adkins, Tracy Owens, Amy Boyd, Robbie Stanley, Cindy Stanley, Lindy Penn, Denise Puckett, Rebecca Hurley, Suzie Rusmisel, Dyan Rusmisel, Katie Barrow, Jennifer Reynolds, and Tane Sheppard.



FEA: Front, l-r: Dyan Rusmisel, Amy Boyd, Douglas Whorley, Sarah Pilson; Second, Gentry Turner, Shawn Jones, Jason Handy, Michelle Holt, Rebecca Handy, and Dusti Bailey.



Band, Flags, & Chorus



Band/Flag Corps: Front, l-r: Sarah Dean, Amy Havens, Tyler Bash, Chuck Sheppard, Sarah Handy, John Taylor, Chris Pilson, Ginger Pace; 2nd: Jennifer McKinney, Michelle Lambert, Suzanne Wright, Jessica Shelor, Teresa Hutchens, Eydie Smith, Anna Clark, Giselle Batcheller; 3rd: Christina Felts, Aleta Seay, Michelle Holt, Cecily Dalton, Amy C. Martin, Chasity Meadors, Melissa Hall, Kristi Rachels; 4th: Katie Nelson, Amy L. Martin, Kristen Gregory, Justin Gammons, Blaire Swails, Eric Fulcher, Jessica Mabe, Matthew Clement, Deborah Jackson, Janie Conner;

5th: Mary Beth Gregory, April Jackson, Laura Thomas, Tina McAlexander, Jessica Belcher, Amy Williams, Justin Plaster, Jarret Clement, Jodi Hancock, Laura Haden; 6th: April Watson, Traci Tatum, Janna Foley, Eric McKinney, Emily Qualls, Scott Eastridge, Julie Turner, Brian Handy, Sarah Taylor, Alicia DeHart, Robin Pendleton, Stacy Hubbard.



1, 2, Ready, Play! Band member April Jackson looks intensely at her music so she gets her part right. Band members work very

hard to prepare for concerts, pep rallies, and their half-time show. Fans enjoy and appreciate their efforts.



Chorus: Front, l-r: Nekeyda Tatum, Valerie Wray, Shavonda Redd, Leigh Anne Handy, April Rotenberry, Rachel Turner, James Coles, Cynthia Hughes, Jodi Hancock, Rene Barnard, Tammy Martin, Rebecca Lawson; 2nd: Miss Laura Hodges, Leanne Do, Abby Rodgers, Kim Culler, Amanda Adkins, Christy Buckland, Amy Martin, Felisha Weir, Dana Trent, Traci Holt, Deanna Fain, Lisa Foley, Brandie Ross; 3rd: Lee Shouse, Carissa Hughes, Amanda Chitwood, Amy Dunham, Sharonda King, Travis Wimbush, Josh Kandies, Joey Martin, Dyan Ruskis, Libby

Belcher, Melissa Whorley, Kristen Runge, Katina Hayden; 4th: Kandy Marshall, Shuana Penn, Brenda Perry, Tabitha Dalton, Tina Foley, Amanda Hopkins, Jessica Kendrick, Daniel Gray, Josh Handy, Bill Boles, Shawn Crouse, Lamont Pilson, Phillip Linster, Donice Smart, Mary Shelton, Jennifer Matheny.



Hold that note. Chorus members perform a Christmas concert in the auditorium for the entire student body. A great deal of time and hard work went into this presentation, and it

showed in a terrific performance. Students enjoyed the variety of Christmas songs included in the concert.



The Beat Goes On

Music Brightened Our Days



The beating of drums and blaring of trumpets filled the hallway to the band room during seventh period as the band practiced. Band members kept everyone spirited during ball games, pep rallies, and assemblies with their snazzy tunes and peppy spirits. The band held and travelled to competitions, participated in the Stuart Christmas parade, and attended band camp at Ferrum College.

Bright colors enhanced both the flags and costumes of the 12 flag corp members. Captains Amanda Chitwood and Christina Felts led the corp in a visual interpretation of the



"Our first Christmas performance (which was for the student body) took a lot of work and preparation, but was definitely worth it." Giselle Batcheller

band's melodies.

"These Are A Few Of My Favorite Things" was one of the melodies you could hear coming from the band room during chorus classes. Choir members shared their voices with students during pep rallies, and they even held their own assemblies and concerts.

The Cougar Battalion taught pride in oneself and respect for others. Tina Hughes was Battalion Commander, Alec Mesot was Battalion Executive Officer, and the Secretary was Shirley McArthur. Twenty-eight members presented the colors at ball games and assemblies.



Boom, Boom! Amy Havens plays one set of several sets of drums that add so much to the band's musical performances. The band participated in the Christmas concert for the student body with some lovely Christmas music.

Begin on Three. The beginning chorus group prepares to sing at the Christmas concert held in the auditorium. Their presentation definitely put students in the Christmas spirit.



Around the World

In One Club Day

With 160 members and officers like Art Anthony, President; Amy Williams, Vice-President; Alison Brammer, Secretary; James Coles, Reporter; Stephanie Jessup, Historian; and Sarah Taylor, Treasurer, the Spanish club members conducted the foreign language banquet and assembly. Members made contributions to the Christmas toy drive for Mexican families and took part in the foreign festival at Surry Community College. During the Spring members attended a play/dance depicting the

Hispanic culture.

Spanish club member, Carter Deekens, stated, "I think that the Spanish club is fun and entertaining. I like the trips we go on and watching the new members dress up."

Officers of the French club were Zach Kreager, President; Susan Cummings, Vice-President; Stephen Walker, Secretary; Sean Kreager, Treasurer; and Shawn Stanley, Reporter. The club consisted of 50 members and participated in community activities, such as sending Thanksgiving and Christ-

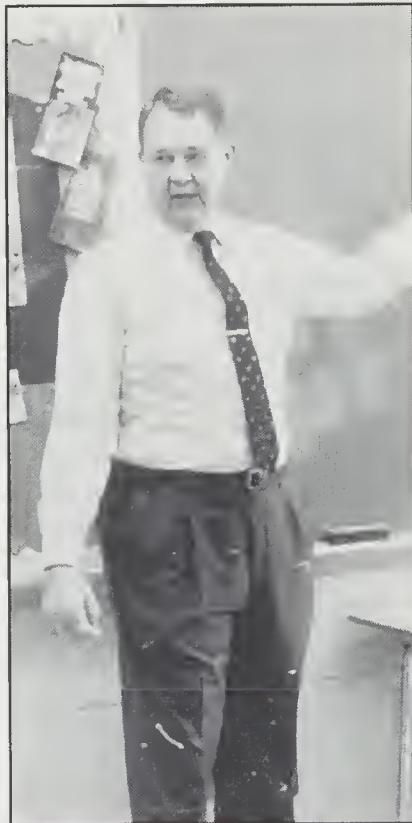
mas cards to the nursing home. French club members were active in the foreign language assembly, banquet, and festival. A trip to New Orleans was being planned this year by members.

The German club, sponsored by Mr. Douglas Dunlap, was unique and interesting. The club was led by president Aaron Whitwell and vice president Tane Sheppard. Although a small club, members learned about German culture and language.

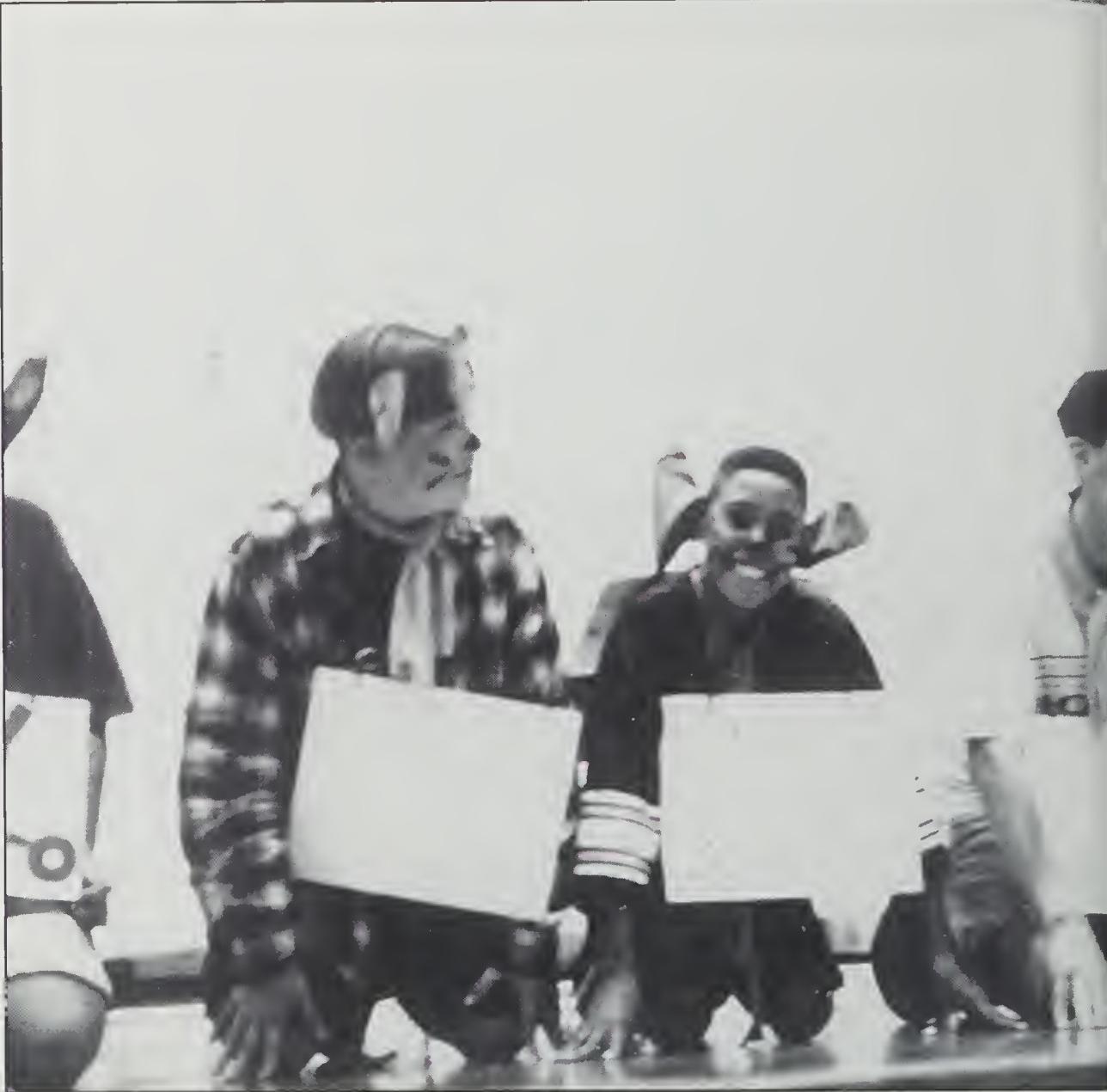


"I've enjoyed all the Spanish activities since eighth grade. I have one more year to look forward to."

Corey Reynolds



Say that again, please. German club sponsor, Mr. Douglas Dunlap explains a few German words. Club members found learning the language very enlightening.



No, it isn't a full moon. Travis Nowlin is dressed up as part of the initiation into the Spanish club. This is always a fun day for older members.



Foreign Language Clubs



Spanish: Front l-r: James Coles, Sarah Meade, Wyshona Lawson, Kelly Collins, Lea Shouse, Mandy Trent, Mitch Sheppard, David Morrison, D. J. Patterson, Matt Dunlap, Art Anthony, Junior Penn; 2nd: Alison Slate, Danielle Muller, Jeff Stowe, Brian Kornett, Sandra Bryant, Dyan Rusmisel, Douglas Martin, Curt Akers, Corey Thomas; 3rd: Heather Boyd, Janie Conner, Donice Smart, Jodi Hancock, Jessica Belcher, Amy Williams, Sondra Hopkins, Andrea Sheppard, Amanda L. Adkins, LaTonya Hylton, Tara Vipperman, Corey Thomas; 4th: Kristen Runge, Warren Rodgers, Summer East, Chad Corns, Michael Gilley, Aaron Whitwell, Shuana Penn, Marcia Cobb, Stephanie Jessup, Brad Casady, Christian Batcheller; 5th: Amy Nelson, Danielle Clark, Blaire Swails, Eric Fulcher, John Paul Thomas, Eric McKinney, Tonya

Swiney, Tonya Vipperman, Melissa Stowe; 6th: Charity Hagwood, Geneva Hylton, Julie Reynolds, Shannon Rorrer, Oliver Gooden, Wes East, Jeff Gore, Marty Benz, Jodi Hancock, Melissa Hall, Sarah Handy; 7th: Tracy Owens, Sarah Marshall, Traci Holt, Matt Turner, Chad Clark, David Vaughn, Justin Gammons, Slade Mankins, Katie Barrow, Jennifer Reynolds, Matthew Kirkpatrick, Jonathan Lawson; 8th: Jessica Shelor, Mary Shelor, Dana Trent, Sharon Boyd, Ryan Pilson, Rebecca Layman, Kris Smith, Joey Gunter, James Fulcher, Edward Haynes.



Spanish 8-9: Front, l-r: Kelly Simpson, Beverly Beasley, Mary Ann Quesenberry, Kelly Goins, Jacob Sims, Melissa Vaught, Juan Hernandez, Crystal Bowman, Casey Higgs, Ariel Reynolds, Jonathan Bowling; Second: Jon Wood, Clif East, Daniel Greenwalt, Teddy Bird, Matt Rorrer, Jennifer McKinney, Brent Sawyer, Paul Shelor, Chris Dollarhite; Third: Justin Morris, Chad Martin, Andrew Blackwell, Ryan Hopkins, Carter Deekens, Shane Conner, Dwayne Williams, Heath Jones, Stacey Hill, Karen Trent, Marcia Benz, Sara Mankins; Fourth: D. J. Lawson, Wes Martin, Josh Rakes, Travis Nowlin, Jennifer Jessup, Joni Dellenback, Vanessa Foley, Kar-

rie Haden, Katrina Fulcher, Ashly Johnson, Andrea Bowman, Leigh Anne Handy, Christy Williams; Fifth: Jason Woodall, Terry Plaster, Candice Puckett, Samantha Hall, Cecily Dalton, Sarah Taylor, Jessica Mabe, Amy C. Martin, April Watson, Dawn Helms, Ashli Craig, Dusti Bailey, James Kirkpatrick.



French: First l-r: Mrs. Debbie Fultz, Zach Kreager, Sue Cummings, Stephen Walker, Sean Kreager, Shawn Stanley; Second: Barry Collins, John Taylor, Troy Smart, Marlina Cox, Giselle Batcheller, April Jackson, Becky Leeper, Jackie Setliff; Third: Gail Stone, Evan Loflin, Raina Feron, Christy Buckland, Rachel Turner, Amanda Sue Williams, Christina Zimmerman; Fourth: Anna Clark, Luke Harris, Misty Hazelwood, Abigail Biggs, Kristen Branch; Fifth: Terrence Nowlin, Robyn

Boyd, Mandy Garrett, Mia Spangler, Dori Martin, Kristen Gregory, Teresa Vaughn; Sixth: Crystal Lawson, Stephanie Cox, Angela Steagall; Seventh: Shawn Smart, Jon Fain, Libby Belcher, Amy Havens, Heather Merriman; Eighth: Justin Woodall, Chris Waller, Quinn Brim.



German: Front, l-r: Kim Eastman, Sue Ellen Justice, Tane Sheppard; Second: Chris Owens, Scott Niedjela, Aaron Whitwell, Brian Handy.



Science & Technology



Science club: Front row, left-right: Travis Hite, Emily Qualls, J. J. Foley; Second row: Janna Foley, Chris Pilson, Matthew Clement, Melanie Jones.



Technology club: Front row, left-right: Jason Wood, Brian Hines, Kevin Horne, Bryan Roberson, Corey Dixon, Juan Guzman, L. C. Castle, Jeremy Pack, Michael Gray; Second row: Tony Wimbush, Jared Fain, Brad Morris, Lucian Goad, Drew Harris, Chris Lackey, Will Snider, Shane Helms, Eric Matheny, Jason Wood, Nathan Pettway, Clayton Cole, Timothy Wilson, Scott Eastridge, Clyde Agee.



And the top line connected to the.... Mr. Bill Clement explains a layout to Johnny Belcher. Students experimented with different drawings and often consulted with their teacher for suggestions. Using the advances in technology to complete assignments made them fun.

I shall be the next Monet! Josh Thorn works intently on his poster for the science club. Posters helped to promote club activities and allowed students to show their creativity and their enthusiasm for club projects.



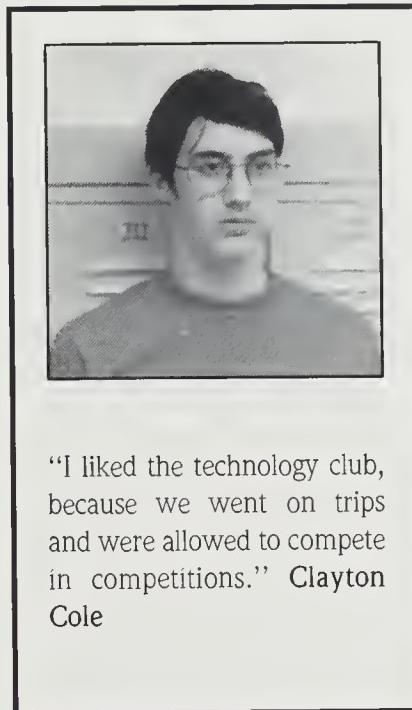
Move Over Einstein

Science/Technology Students Excel



Science club members took an active role in community affairs with such projects as recycling. The club hosted the science fair, which most students who had a science class took part in. The science fair was a great way to discover tons of interesting facts and get to experiment with chemicals. Not only was the reward for the "scientist," but also for students who took an opportunity to look around the library during that week.

Members of the technology club practiced leadership skills by participating in technology-related contests. They also received



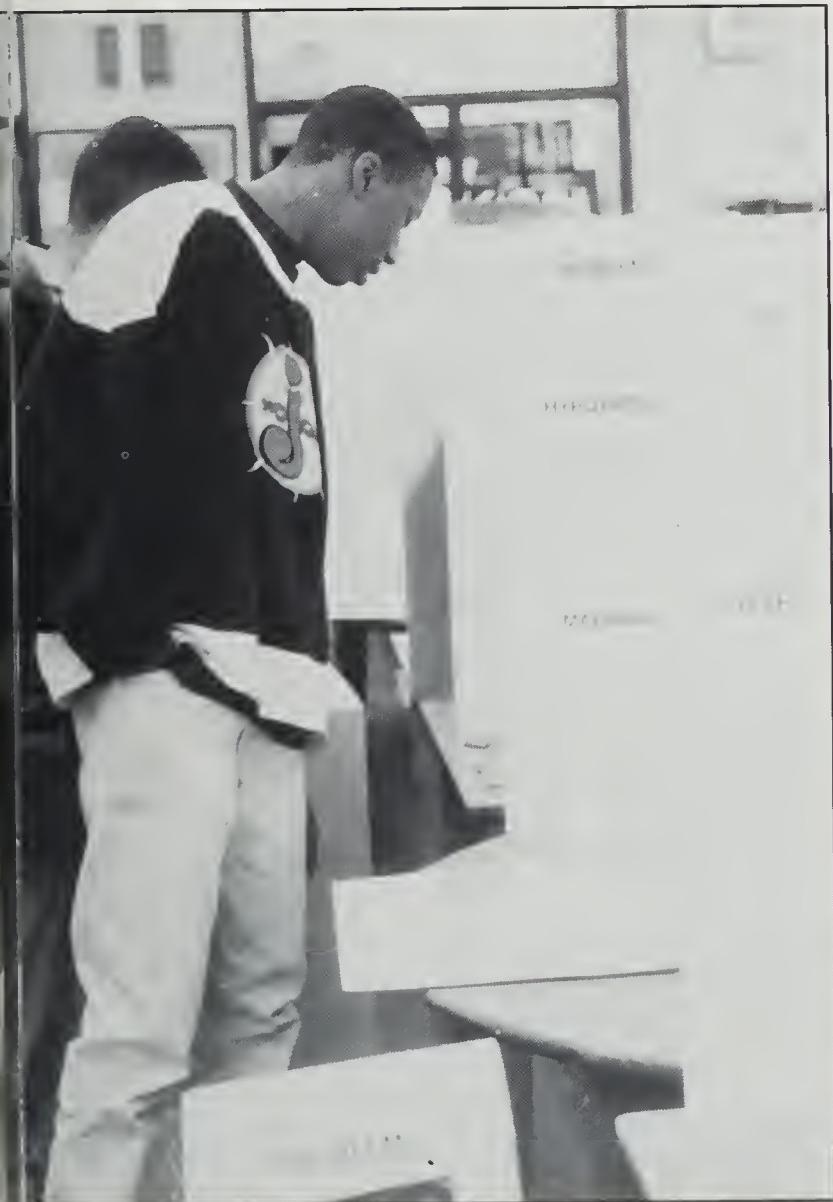
recognition on the local, state, and national levels for their participation. Although the technology club worked hard at these competitions, they still found time to go on a field trip, which allowed the club to relax and enjoy themselves. The 30 members of the technology club were organized and led by President, Ted Agee; Vice President, Timmy Wilson; Secretary, Reggie Cassady; and Treasurer, Scott Eastridge. Science and technology were an integral part of student's classes. Not only did they allow students to think, but they also encouraged the "Einstein's of the future."

"I liked the technology club, because we went on trips and were allowed to compete in competitions." Clayton Cole



EEUGGHHH! Wasn't that in the parking lot yesterday? Jonathan Frazier looks in at a science fair project. The science fair was an anticipated event that got many students' attention.

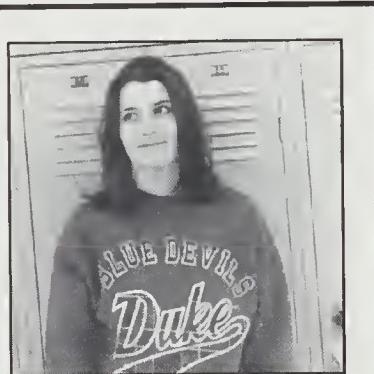
Clickety click, Tap tap! Jason Wood is completing a technology project on the computer. Computers were a helpful tool in the technology club.



Keeping Focused Pays Off With Finished Products

Eleven students worked busily to produce a newspaper that kept the student body well informed of school events. The Cougar Review was published four times, including the hugely popular "Senior Edition." There were features of the paper that kept students coming back for more, such as an opinion page, quotes from students and administrators, and editorials.

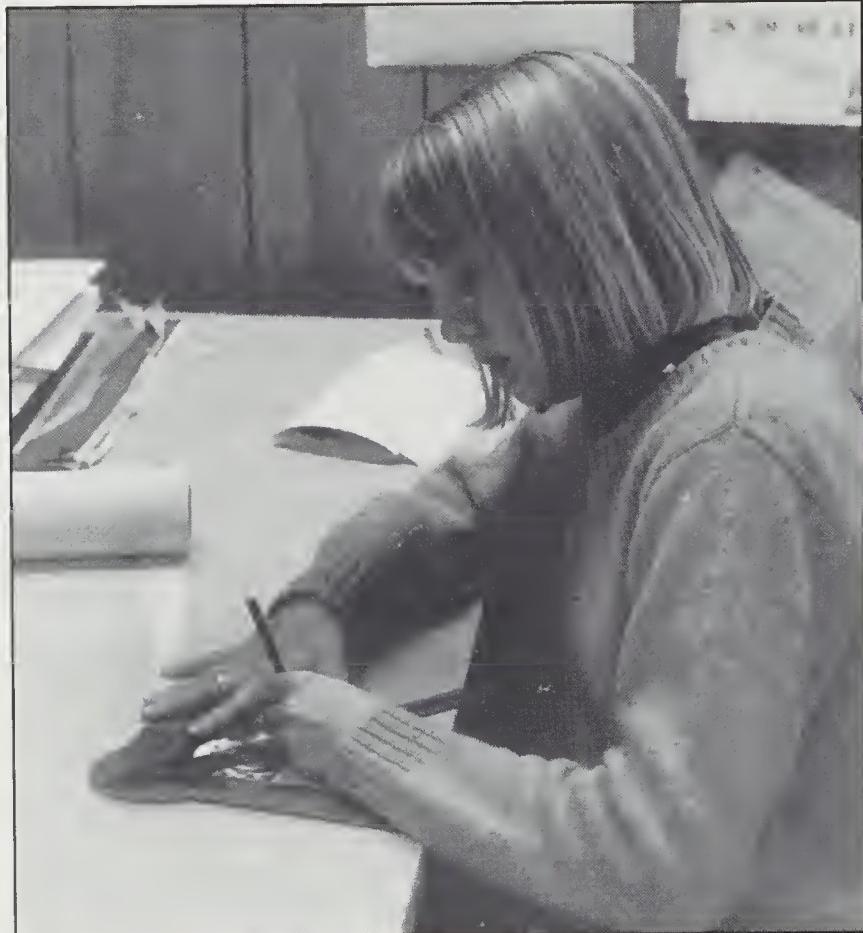
Students in Journalism quickly learned how to effectively use investigative skills to put together a top-quality newspaper. Mr. Stephen Henderson stated, "Working on the Cougar Review is not an easy task. Students work diligently;



"Journalism is an excellent class which allows us to practice our writing skills, and also our investigative skills."
Jennifer Reynolds

striving to get impartial viewpoints from their peers, faculty, and administration."

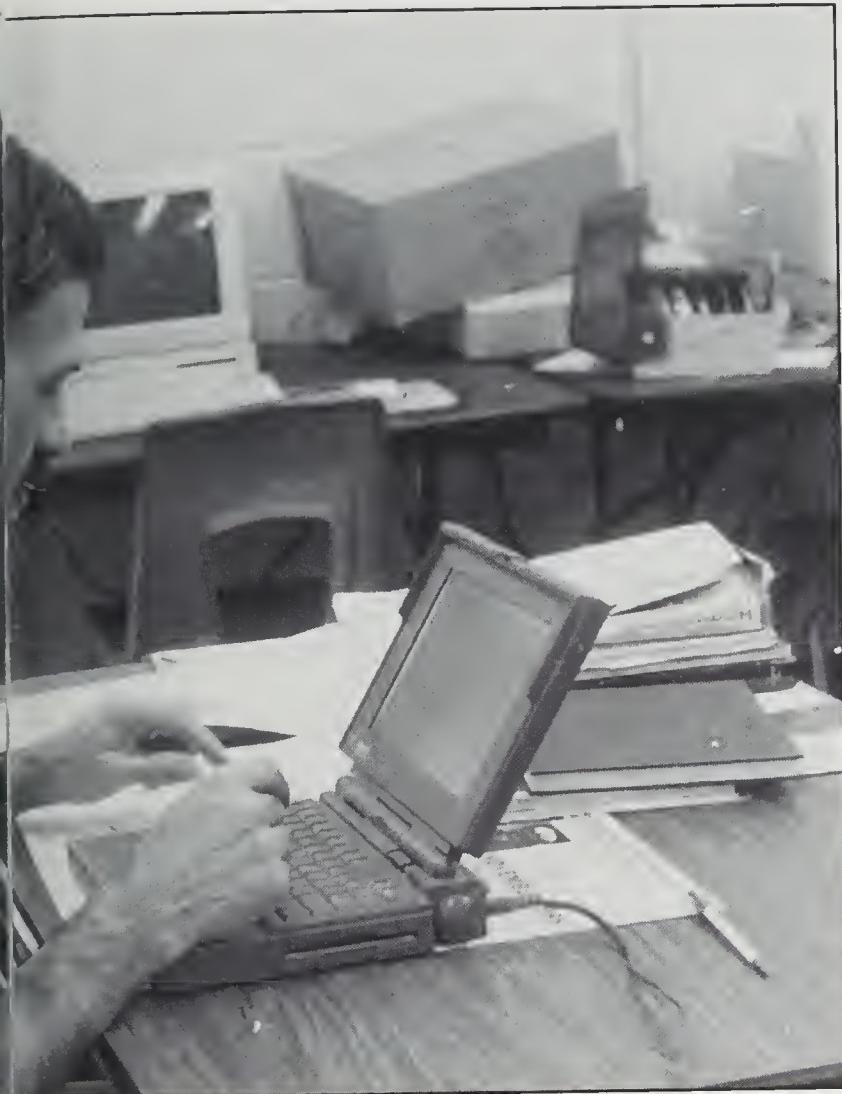
Students thought Photojournalism took little effort, however, the staff found this very untrue. The staff, made up of ten students, worked long hours to produce the yearbook. There was never a dull moment in the archive staff room. Work on the next yearbook publication began one year before production took place. This year's theme was particularly liked by the staff, because they felt they had "frozen" the special memories of the year in their hearts.



Picture Perfect. Annual staff member, Christy Buckland, crops a picture to go in a yearbook spread. Cropping pictures required concentration to get just the right angle.

The finishing touches. Tonya Lankford works hard to put the finishing touches on her piece for the Cougar Review. Journalism students earned the right to be proud to see their finished products in print.





ard at Work. Mr. Stephen Henderson puts his two cents worth to help his journalism students get the job done. Producing a newspaper was a tremendous task for both the

teacher and the students. Students and teachers had to use computers in the production of both school publications.



sure is Monday. Chris Waller feels the pressure of the word "deadline." Photojournalism students learned that the most important task they had was to meet all

deadlines. Staff members also learned that communication with each other was needed to conduct business.

Photojournalism & Journalism



Photojournalism: Left to Right: Holly Terry, Raina Feron, Chris Waller, Gail Stone, Giselle Batcheller, Ryan Vaughn,

Christy Buckland, Terrence Nowlin, Alicia DeHart, Justin Gammons.



Journalism: First Row, Left to Right: Jennifer Reynolds, Rachel Turner, Eydie Smith, Lea Shouse, Andrea Sheppard, Tonya Lankford; Second Row: Gunny

Henderson, Josh Hopkins, Jon Hutchens, Dana Nelson, Emily Qualls, Stephanie Talbert, Sherelda Eastman.



Look out Troy Aikman and the Cowboys, Summer East plays catch with her special olympian during a break. Olympians liked the one-on-one attention between events.

Varsity Club



Front row: left to right: Junior Penn, Zach Kreager, James Dillon; 2nd row: Douglas Martin, Christian Batcheller, Stephen Turner, Holly Terry, Danielle Muller, Raina Feron, Christy Buckland, Eydie Smith, Amy Williams, Jennifer McKeithan; 3rd row: Matt Harnsberger, Jason Wood, Ryan Pilson, Blaire Swails, Amanda Sue Williams, Evan Loflin, April Jackson, Summer East, Alison Brammer, Rachel Pendleton; 4th row: Tammy Martin, Wyshona Lawson, Ryan Vaughn, Warren Rodgers, Sue Cummings, Jackie Setliff, Becky Leeper, Allison Slate, Phillip Linster, Tane Shepard; 5th row: Scott Neidjela, Matthew Kirkpatrick, Jeff Stowe, Brian Kornett, Amy Boyd, Corey Reynolds, Geneva Hylton, Wes East, Jon Helms; 6th row:

Justin Plasters, Robin Pendleton, Katie Barrow, Erin Wilson, Samantha Hall, Sean Stanley, Chad Clark, James Pampani, Dana Nelson, Amanda Adkins; 7th row: Ethan Weber, Laura Hayden, Stephanie Cox, Matt Turner, Sondra Hopkins, Denise Puckett, Curt Akers; 8th row: Jessica Nelson, Angie Noonkester, Jeremiah Mabe, Kevin Mabe, Darrin Doss, Amy Nelson, Josh Hopkins, Art Anthony; 9th row: Leanne Cox, Mandy Trent, Mitch Sheppard, Anitra Huff, Trivia Koger, Rachelle Hatcher, Lisa Holt, Ray Hylton.



Listening to the Gun. Special Olympian anticipate the sound of the gun to begin the race. Olympians learned how to take everything to the limits and give it all their energy.



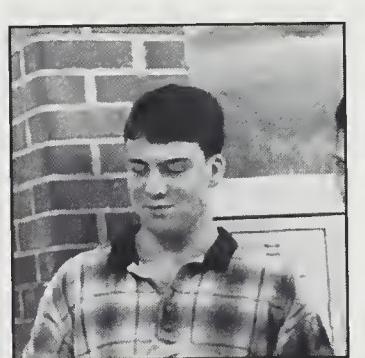
Special Time, Special People

Cause for A Special Event



With strong student support and an average of 100 students, the Varsity Club thrived. Made up of varsity lettermen the club upheld Cougar pride to the highest standard. Advised by Mr. Bob Burnette and Ms. Joanne Amos, the club worked toward meaningful projects. Officers Zach Kreager, James Dillon, and Junior Penn, had to work hard to keep the club striving for the top.

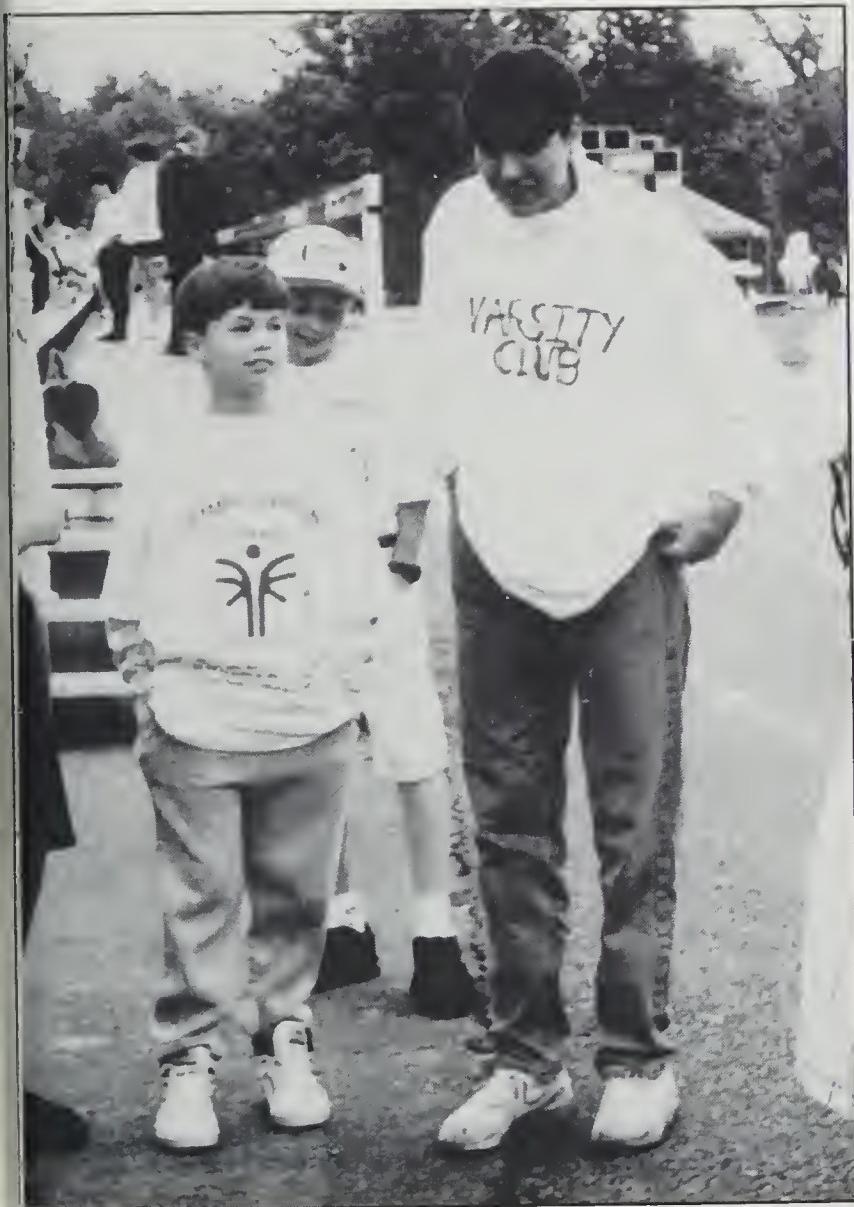
To many club members agony, fundraisers were mandatory. However, when selling for a good cause, it all seemed easy. Members helped move tables and chairs for the annual Booster Club Raffle.



"I like varsity club. We get to help with Special Olympics. Our meetings are very entertaining. Zach Kreager is an outstanding president." Christian Batcheller

The "brain child" of the club was the Special Olympics, which was planned, prepared and ran by the members. It was certainly quite a bit of work, but seeing the joy on the faces of the Olympians made it worthwhile. Jon Helms summed it up greatly. "I think it is great that we sponsor the Special Olympics, because we get to provide all those special people with a good time and food."

The Varsity Club represented the athletes of the school, and membership was by invitation only. It was a large reward for the hard work these students put towards athletics.



Getting Acquainted. Shirley McArthur takes time out from the busy day to get acquainted with her Olympian. Special Olympics allowed varsity club members to make friends they would keep forever.

Shy Guy. Jessica Nelson and her Olympian take time out to "chill" for a little bit. Olympians quickly became attached to their high school heroes, as you can tell by the way he hides behind her.



Student Governments

Speaking For The Students

SCA was a key part of the running of activities for students at PCHS. Under the leadership of Mr. Bill Pons and Mrs. Michele Arnder, Stephen Walker served a busy, but fruitful year as President. Jon Hutchens as Vice President, Susan Cummings as Secretary, Misty Hazelwood as Reporter, Zach Kreager as Treasurer, and Sarah Handy as Historian filled out the ranks of an association of great leadership. The Student Council Association worked busily putting together many activities for the student body. One of the most awaited was



"It feels great to be part of such an integral part of the school, such as the SCA."
Zach Kreager

Homecoming, since this year was the 25th anniversary.

More activities included SCA meetings, dances, and Data Match. SCA members strived to make PCHS a more enjoyable place.

ICC membership was made up of club presidents. The Inner Club Council was very important to make sure every club met the requirements set by the school council. It also gave club presidents a chance to exchange helpful information and ideas to run their club more efficiently.



Wait a minute, you're going too fast! Misty Hazelwood flips through a notebook to find some requested material on an SCA event. Members of the student council were responsible for organizing most dances, assemblies, and club meetings.

So how's it coming? Kandy Marshall looks on as Susan Cummings sells dance tickets. The money from purchased dance tickets allowed the SCA to pay for the expenses of the dance as well as conduct other projects.





"Is that what the paper says?" Matt Dunlap compares his notes with what is being said during the SCA meeting in the auditorium. Up-to-date information was crucial to SCA representatives.

"That's my birthday!" Andrew Blackwell fills in an important date on the SCA calendar. SCA officers and helpers had to check the calendar every day so they would be prepared for events.



SCA E ICC



SCA: l-r: Jon Hutchens, Misty phen Walker, Zach Kreager, Sarah Hazelwood, Susan Cummings, Ste Handy.



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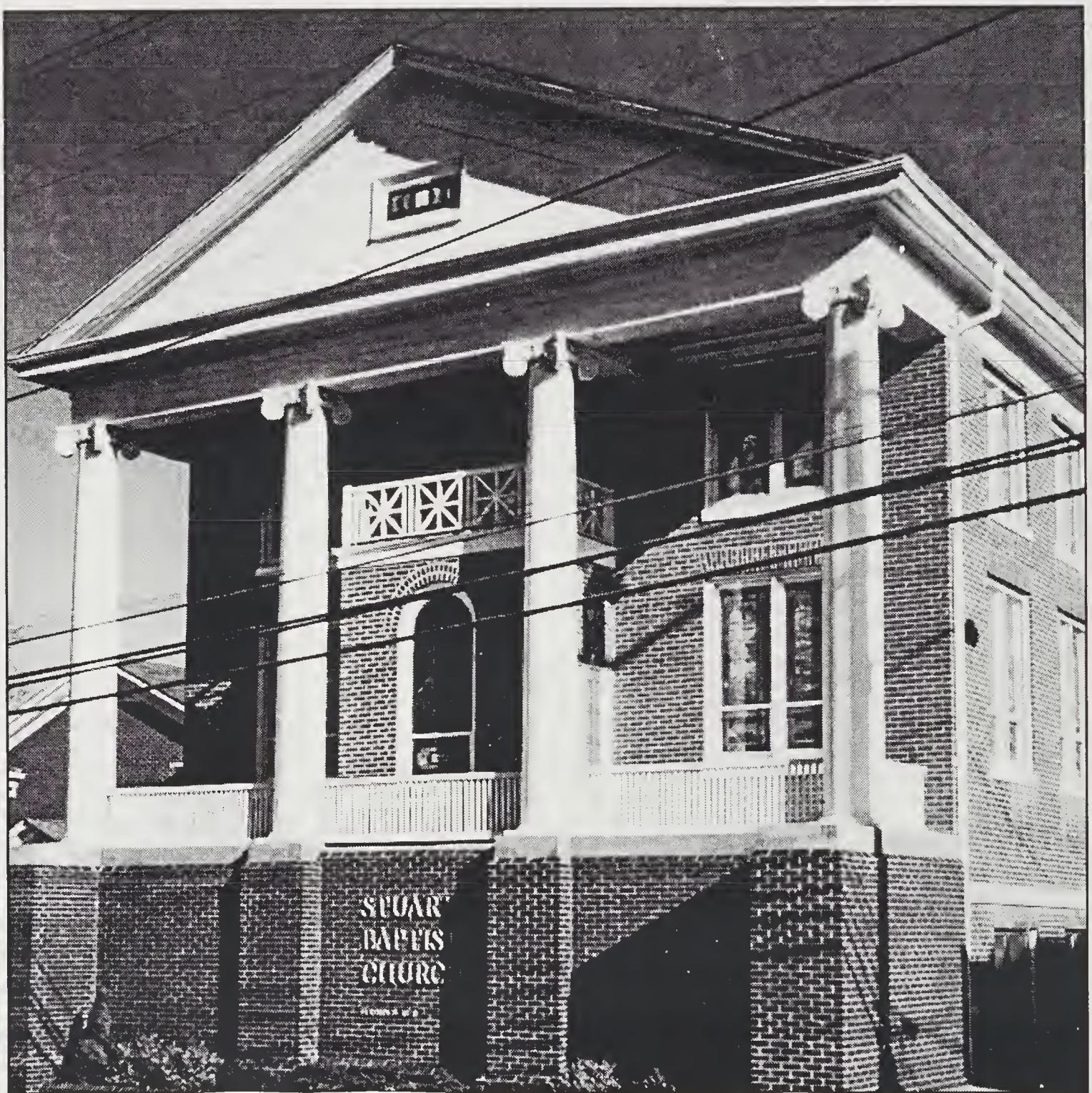
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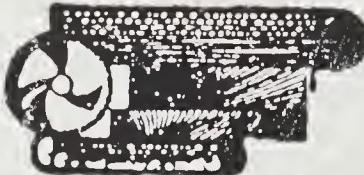
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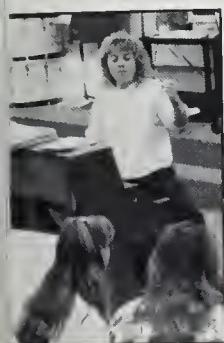
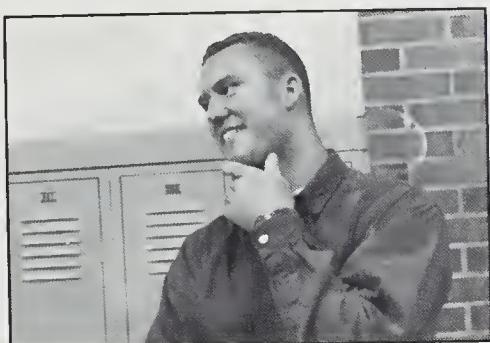
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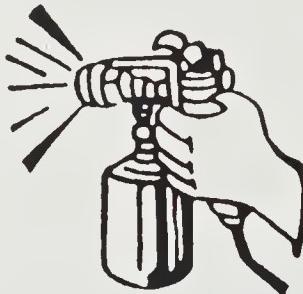
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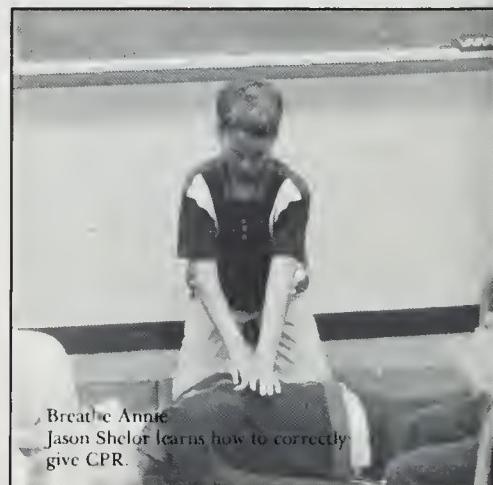
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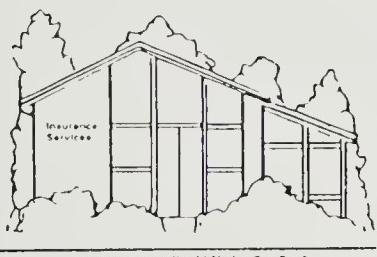
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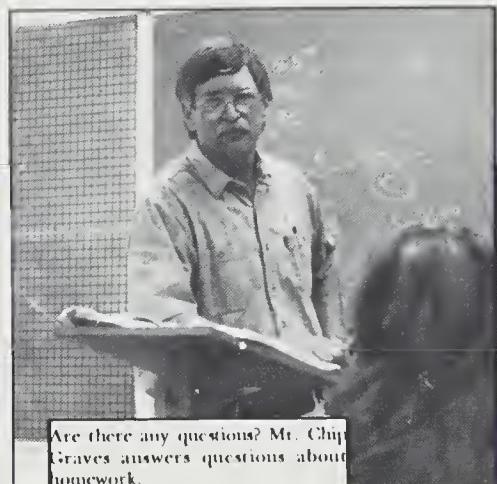


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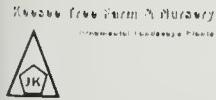
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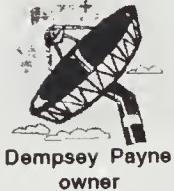
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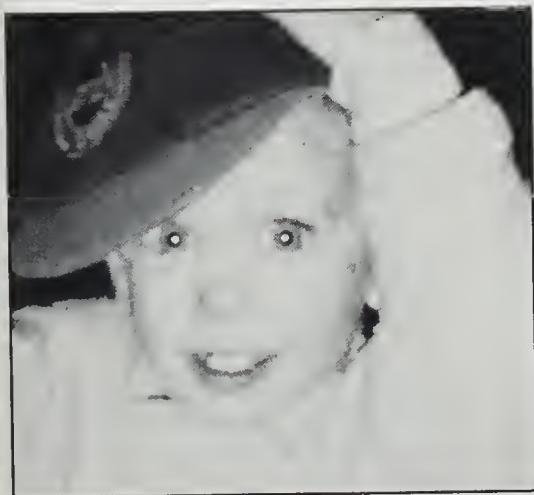
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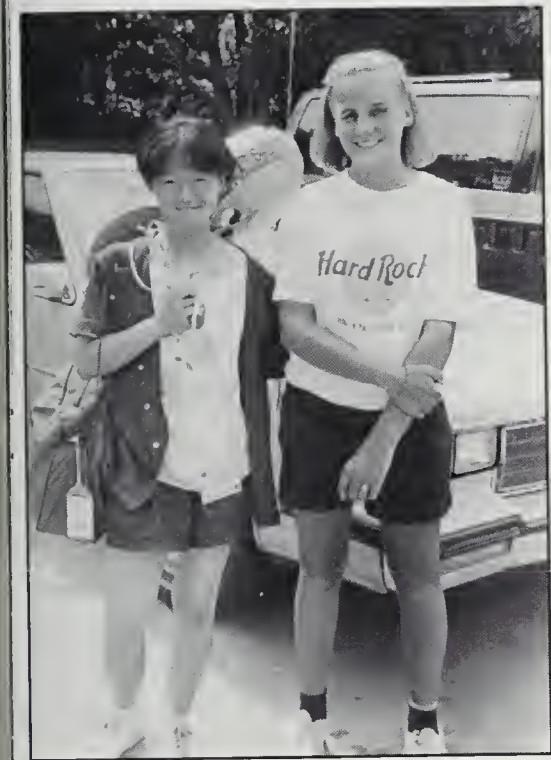
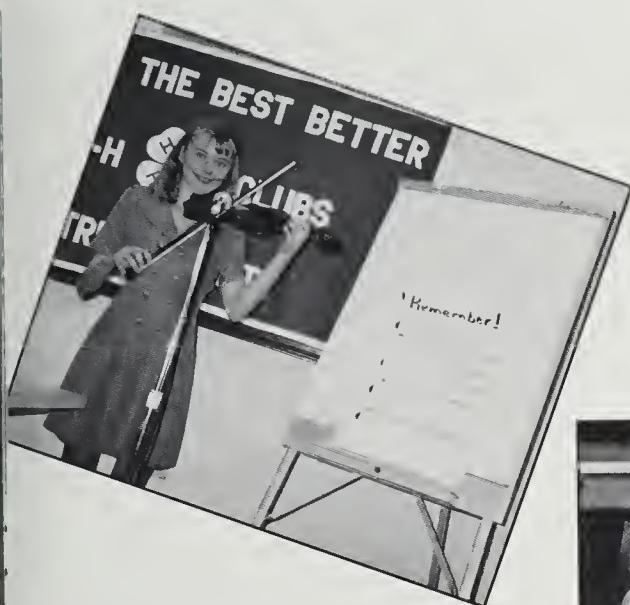


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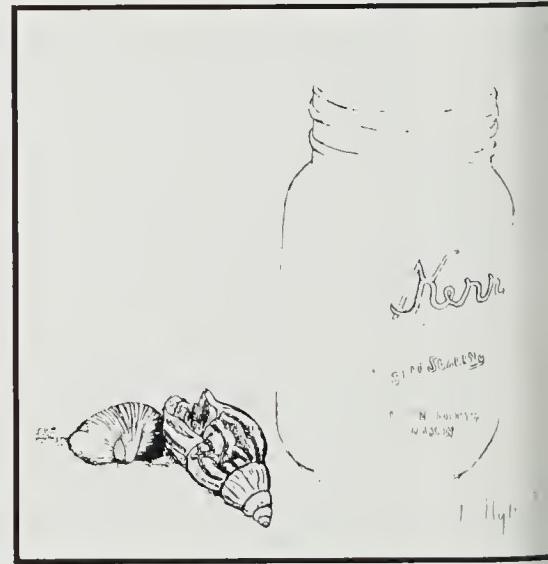
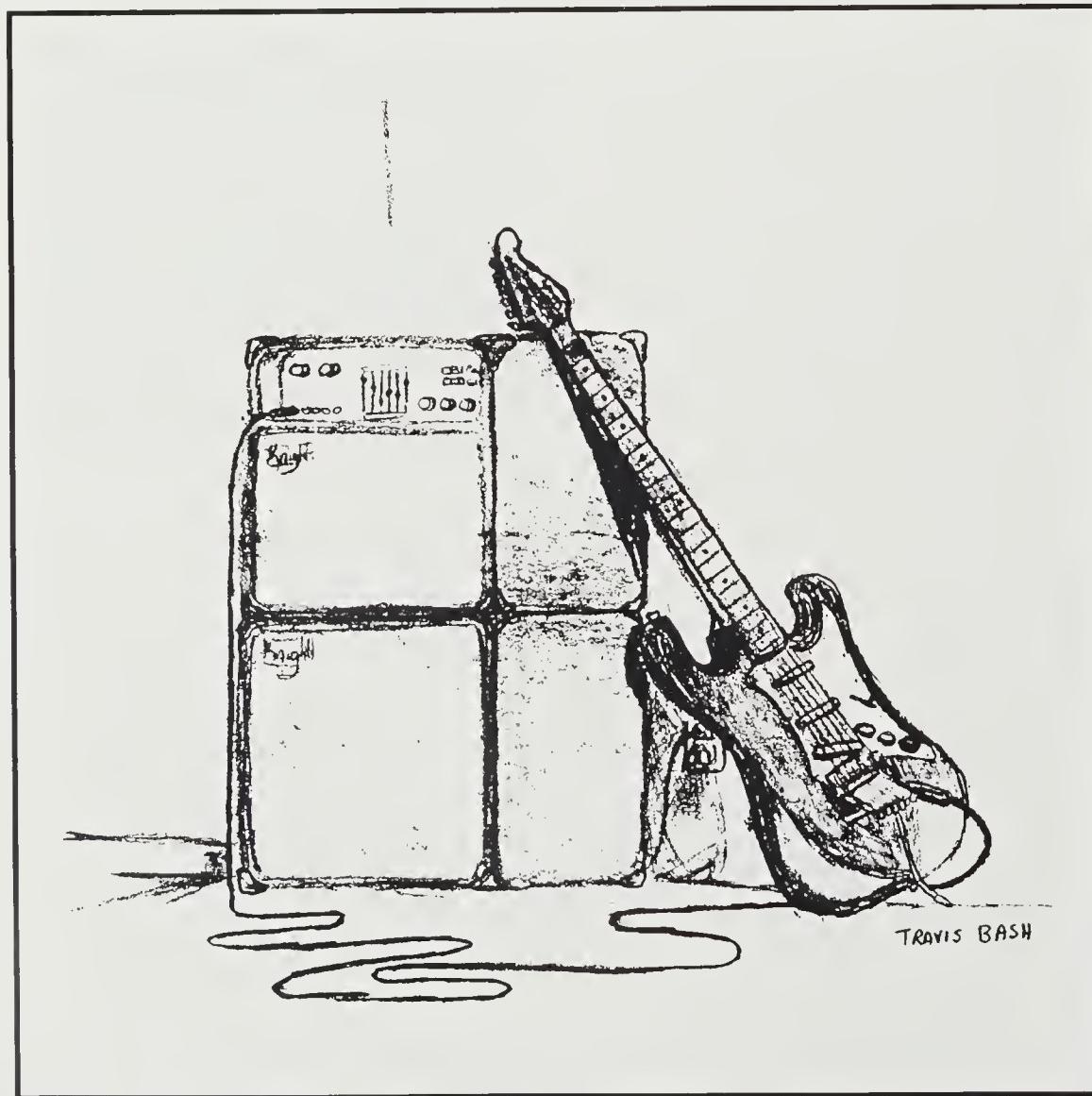
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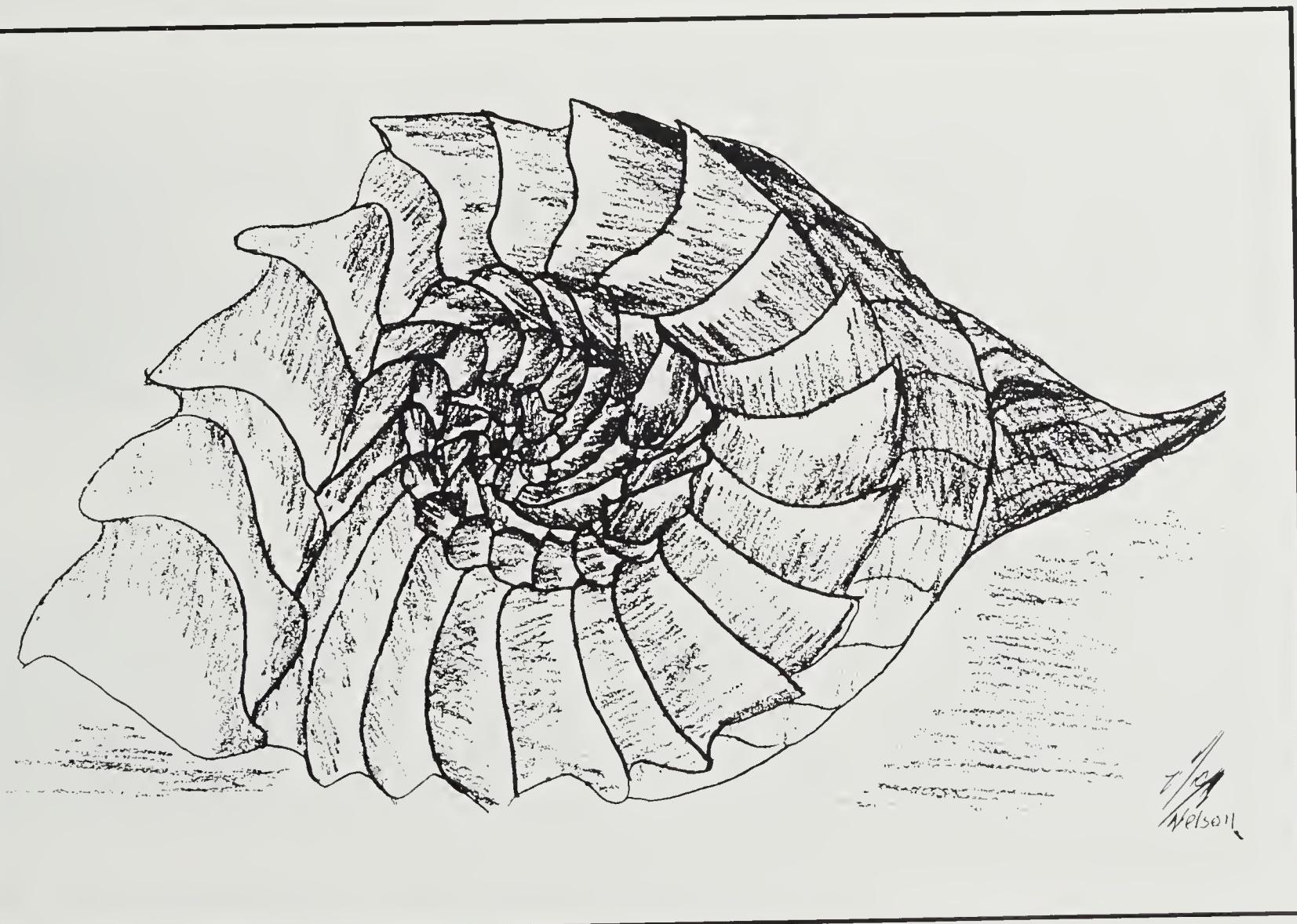


Kandy Marshall, a senior, competed in the Miss Virginia Teen USA 1996 pageant held March 2, 1996, in Bristol. Not only did Kandy bring home tons of memories, but she also brought home the title. Kandy will represent Virginia in the national Miss Teen USA pageant in Las Cruces, New Mexico, in August. Congratulations, Kandy!!



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Trial Of The Century



The O. J. Simpson trial took a dramatic turn when Mark Furman, a main prosecution witness, was discredited by a tape in which he used racial slurs. This tape caused the defense team to attack Furman's character.



The murder trial of O. J. Simpson ended. Not guilty. It took the jury less than four hours to reach a verdict in the sensational trial that lasted eight months. The jury of ten women and two men found that they could not convict Simpson beyond reasonable doubt.



Judge Lance Ito presided over the trial in which the Los Angeles Police Department came under fire due to inconsistency in the collection and processing of evidence. He kept the trial on track as it twisted and turned through a maze of scientific evidence and dozens of expert witnesses.

Notable Ones



The much-traveled Pope John Paul II returned to the United States for his fourth papal trip. The 75-year old Pope showed no signs of slowing down. He was elected in 1978.



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had difficulty this year in finding an appropriate role that Americans would be comfortable with, after her leadership of the administration's failed health-care reform campaign.



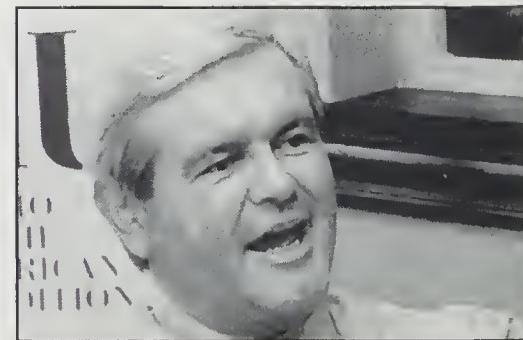
Bill Gates made computer headlines when he introduced Windows 95, the long-awaited upgrade to the Windows computer software program.



Miss America, Shawntel Smith, got an extra birthday present for her 24th birthday: The Oklahoma native was crowned Miss America.



Timothy McVeigh is a well-guarded prisoner. He is charged with 11 counts in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The explosion killed 169 people and injured more than 500.



Newt Gingrich, a Republican congressman from Georgia, rose to the heights of Speaker of the House of Representatives. He promised to overhaul more than a generation of special programs.



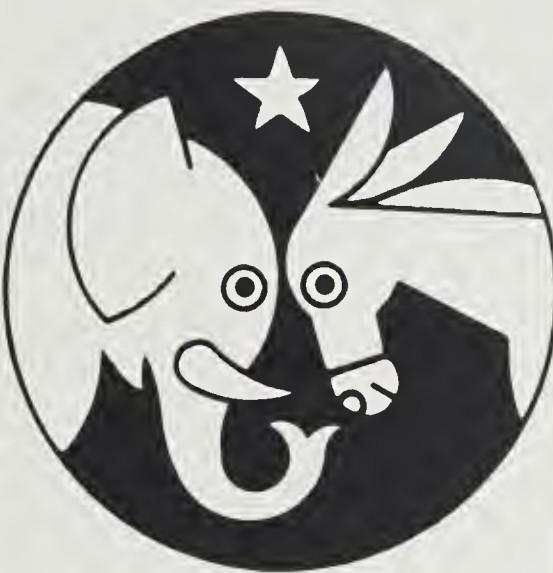
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President Bill Clinton prepared for a new political battle; the 1996 election. The president had other concerns; Medicare reform and budget balancing.



Sen. Bob Dole, a Republican from Kansas, wanted to be president of the United States. When school began, he was a leading conservative candidate.



At the start of the school year, there was a 10-man race for the Republican presidential nomination; Gov. Pete Wilson lagged behind.



When Texas Sen. Phil Gramm entered the 1996 presidential race, aides contended he had three assets; message, money and discipline.

Top Sellers In 1995

Video Rentals

1. Outbreak
2. Just Cause
3. The Quick and the Dead
4. Nobody's Fool
5. Circle of Friends
6. Kiss of Death
7. Boys on the Side
8. Disclosure
9. Billy Madison
10. Dumb and Dumber

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2. Gangsta's Paradise
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3. You Are Not Alone
Michael Jackson
4. Kiss From A Rose
Seal
5. Runaway
Janet Jackson
6. Waterfalls
TLC
7. I Can Love You Like That
All-4-One
8. Only Wanna Be With You
Hootie & The Blowfish
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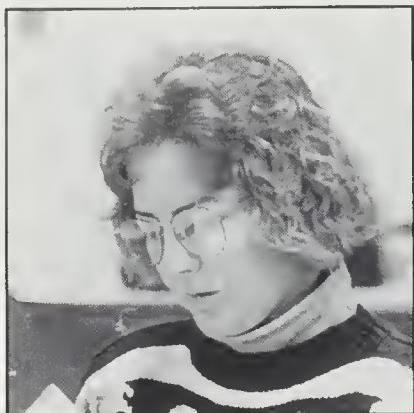
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Sidney Sheldon
3. The Horse Whisperer
Nicholas Evans
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Sue Grafton
5. Coming Home
Rosamunde Pilcher

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Colin Powell
2. My Point.. And I Have One
Ellen DeGeneres
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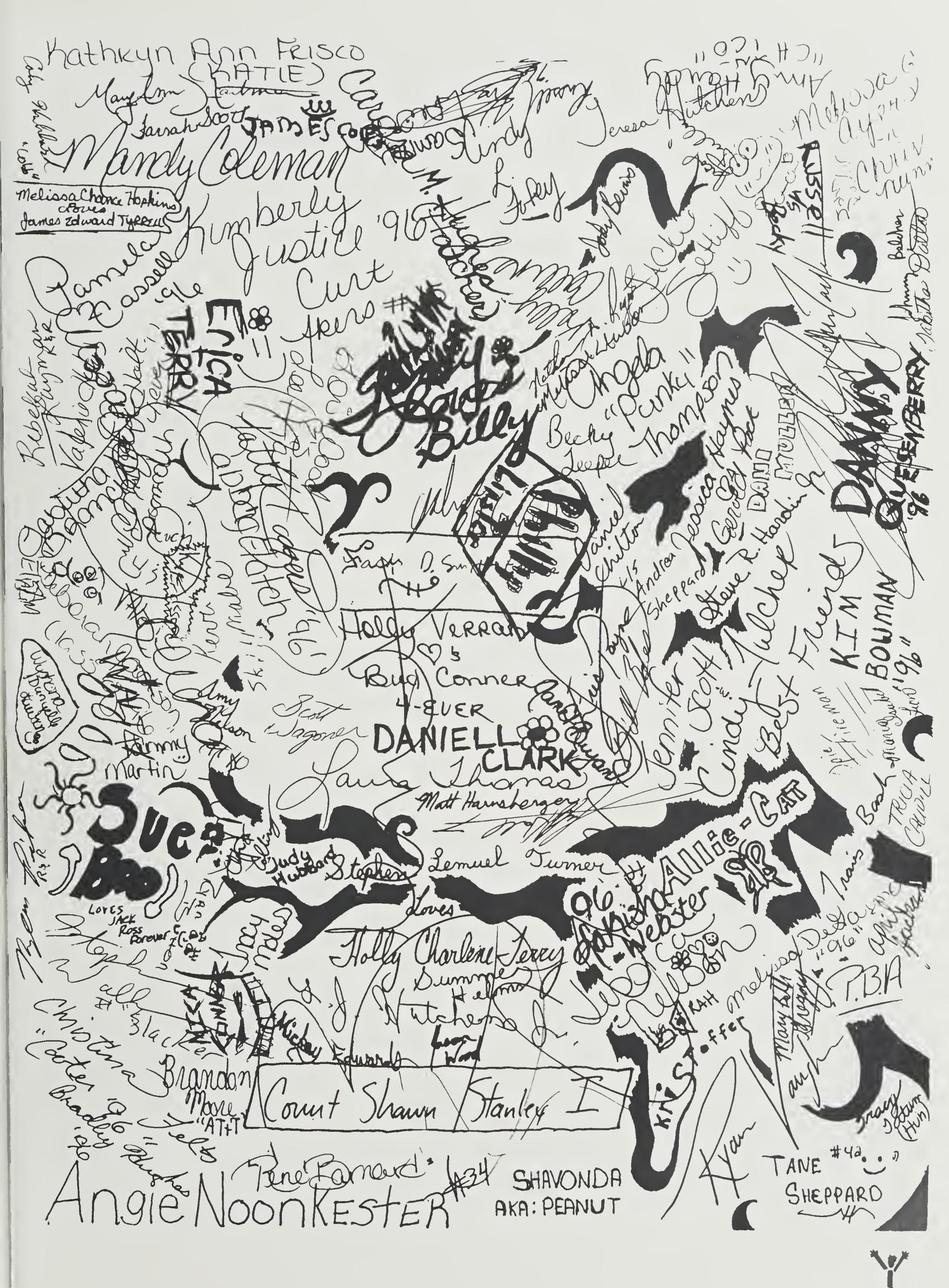
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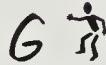
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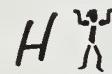


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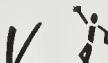
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Unsung Heroes. Without them the team would not be anywhere. Who were they? The almighty line of the football team. They weren't flashy. They just did their job and did it well. They didn't get as much recognition as other positions, but they allowed the others to make the big plays. Good job!



Seniors! One rite of passage as a senior was the traditional walk into the first assembly of the year. They made their presence known and deserved recognition from underclassmen who were to follow in their footsteps in the years to come.



MELTDOWN

As the snow faded into nothing and the green leaves reappeared along with flowers and warmer temperatures, students eagerly awaited the other “Springtime” event—the end of another school year.

Students left PCHS with wonderful memories, new friendships, and better academic skills. Seniors made their final walk through the hallways ready to embark on their journey through life outside of high school.



Chillin'. As a test of "coolness," Amy Nelson, Tane Sheppard, and Angie Noonkester were challenged to see who could sit in ice the longest at a pep rally.



Great events had taken place inside these walls. Students had won honors, had completed their class assignments, and had said their "farewells" to friends and faculty as another year "melted down."



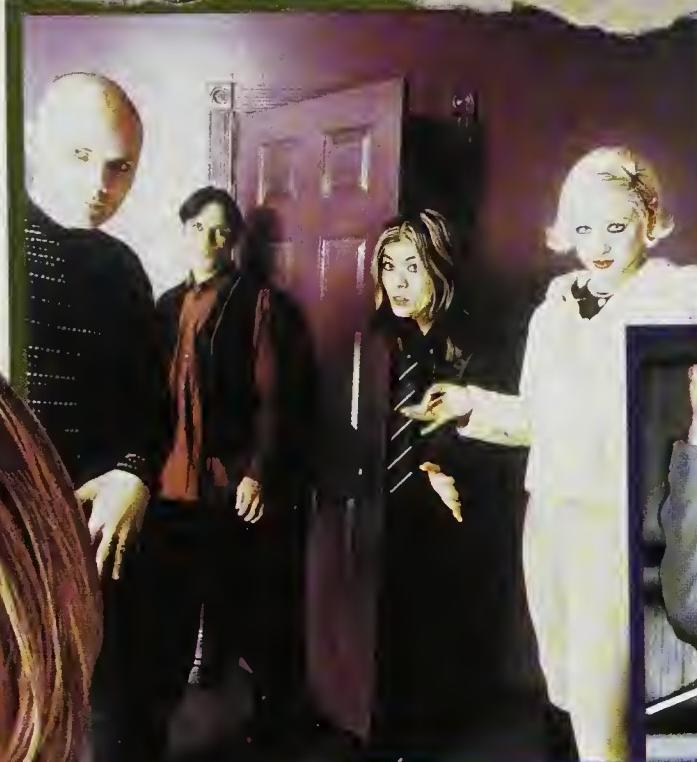
Footprints toward the future. Just as the snow melted down, the year came to an end. During all those snow days students thought it would never be the last day, but that day came all too soon.

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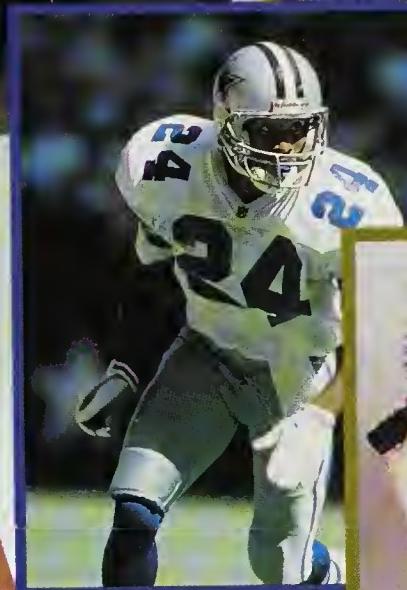
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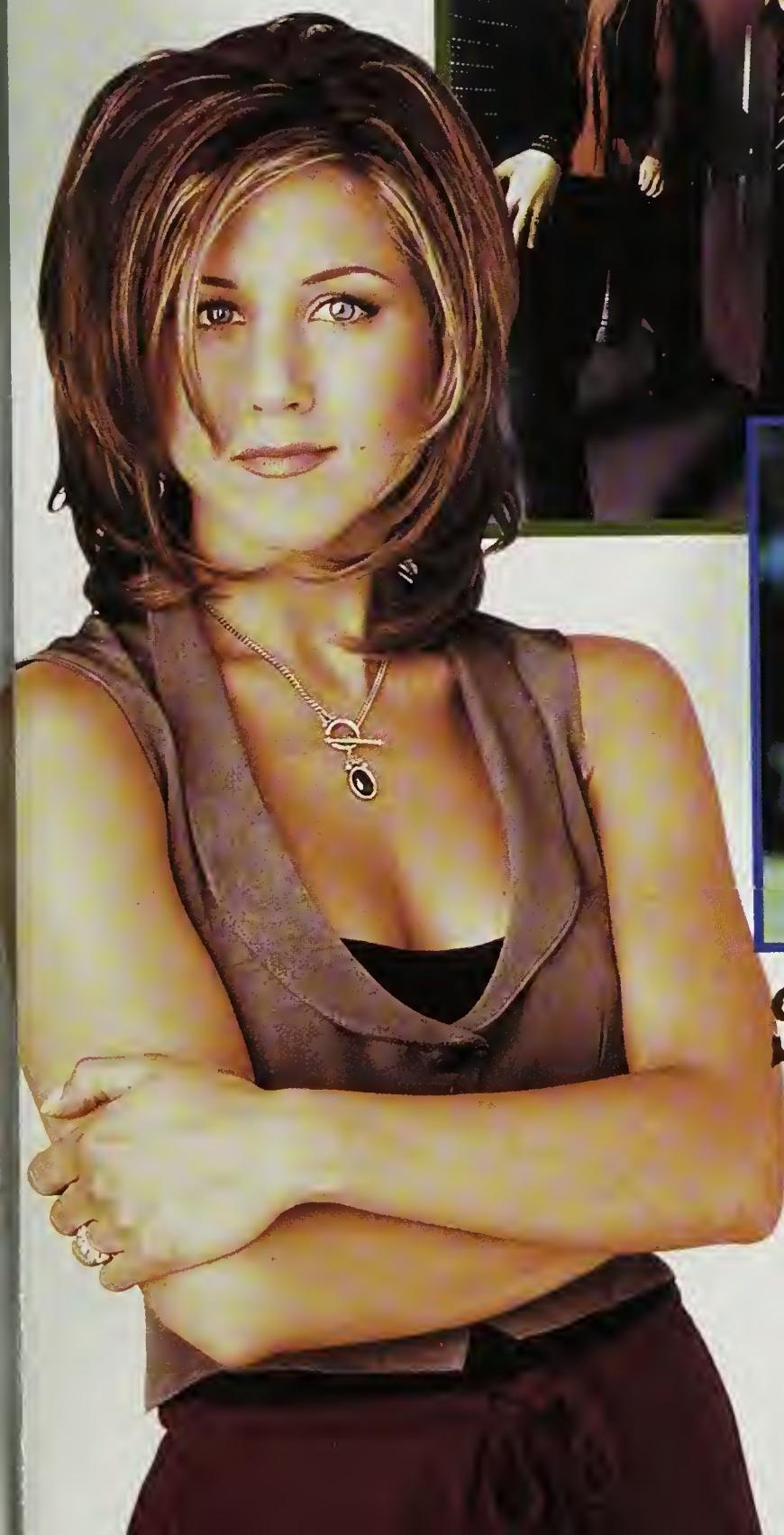
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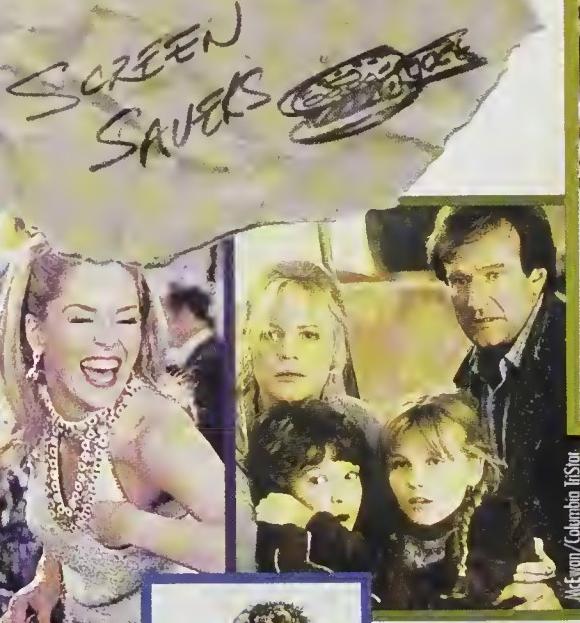
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Movies



In "Casino," Sharon Stone plays a veteran Las Vegas hustler in Martin Scorsese's three-hour depiction of how the mob controlled and ultimately lost Las Vegas.

Considered the hottest young actor in 50 years, Brad Pitt catapulted "Seven" into a box-office smash.



Nicolas Cage won critical acclaim for his portrayal of a man determined to drink himself to death in the dark drama "Leaving Las Vegas."



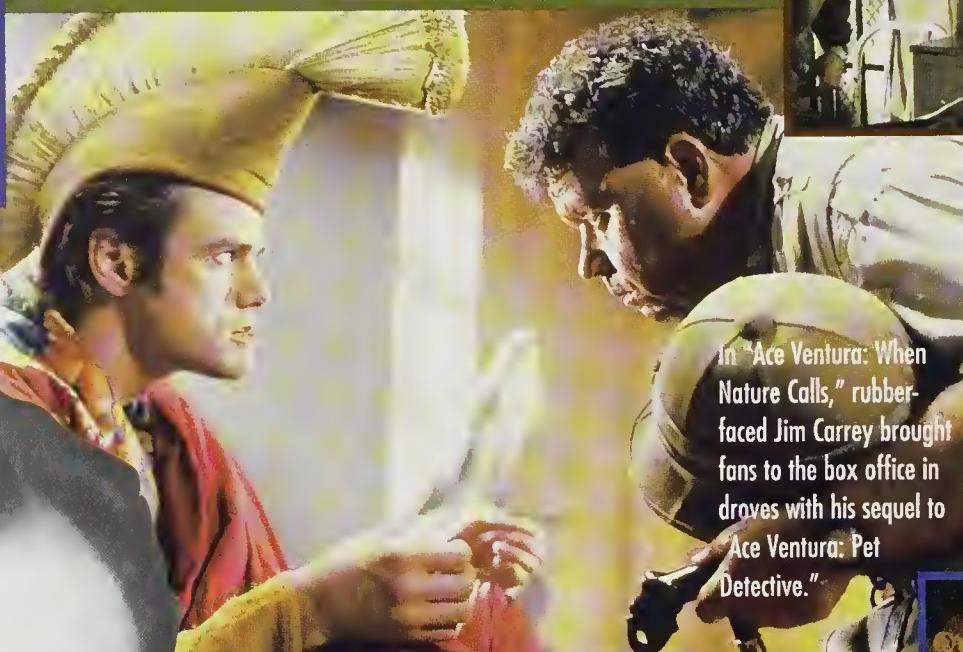
WhatEVER! Alicia Silverstone stars in "Clueless" as a Beverly Hills princess. The hilarious summertime teen comedy is based loosely on an 1816 novel by Jane Austen.



Brad Pitt won the Golden Globe award for Best Supporting Actor for his role in the sci-fi thriller "12 Monkeys," which also stars Bruce Willis.



Master of laughs Robin Williams and a feast of special effects brought the jungle to life in the fanciful movie "Jumanji."



In "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls," rubber-faced Jim Carrey brought fans to the box office in droves with his sequel to "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective."

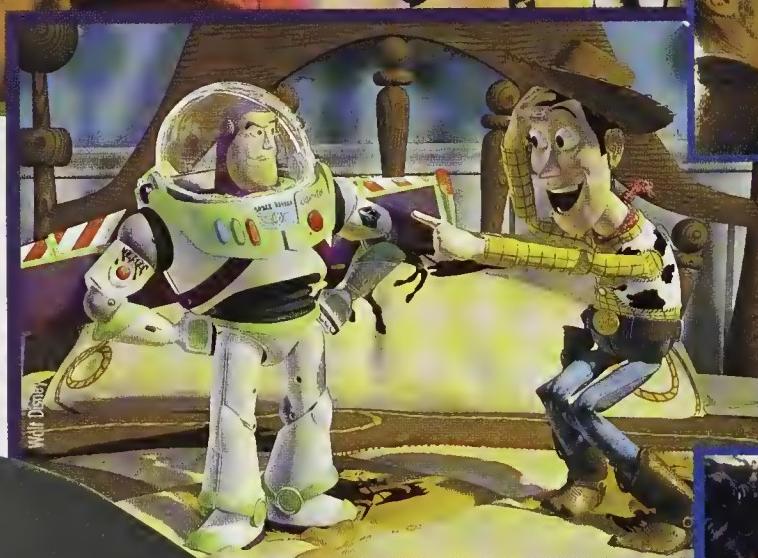
Blackburn/Morgan Creek

Box Office

(\$ in millions)*

1. "Batman Forever," \$184
2. "Apollo 13," \$172
3. "Toy Story," \$150
4. "Pocahontas," \$141
5. "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls," \$104

* Baseline II Inc.

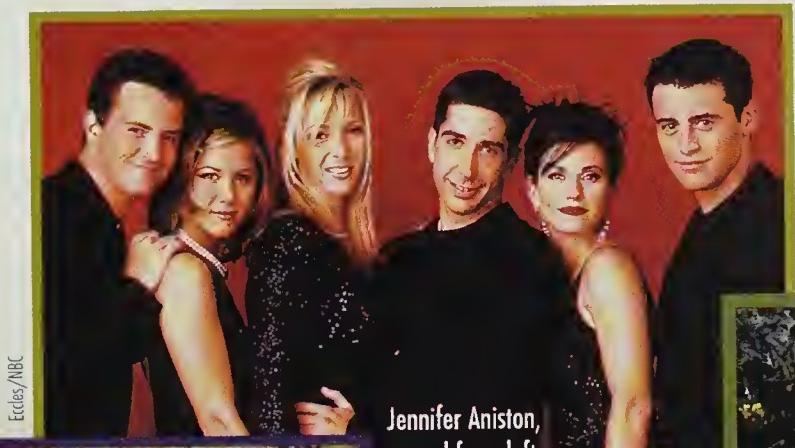


"Babe," a family-oriented film from Australia, features a talking pig that becomes a sheep herder and a hero among his barnyard friends. James Cromwell stars as the farmer in this delightful story of diplomacy and courtesy.



Woody the pull-string cowboy and Buzz Lightyear brightened the holiday season in "Toy Story," Disney's feature-length, computer-animated smash hit.

A Louisiana nun's true-life relationship with a death row inmate is grippingly portrayed by Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn in "Dead Man Walking."



Eccles/ABC

Jennifer Aniston, second from left, headed up the spunky cast of "Friends," a sitcom sensation called "the 'Cheers' of the '90s."



On "Frasier," the Crane family and friends maintained their pointed take on life in Seattle.

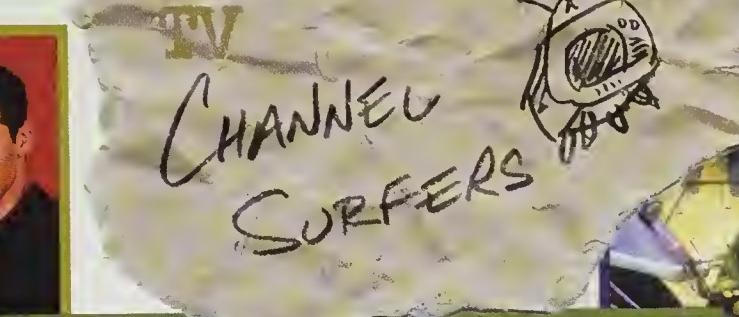


Still quirky, "Seinfeld" remained as popular as ever in the post-Cosmo era.



Leo Thompson and her zany cast debuted this year in "Caroline In the City."

Houston/NBC



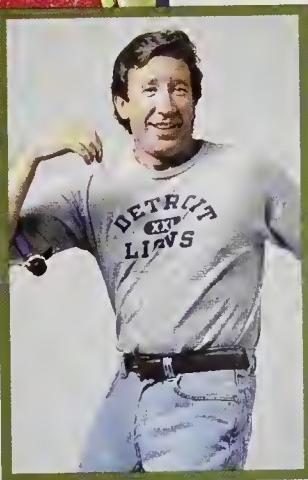
Mike Nelson and Servo spent yet another year ridiculing bad movies, to the delight of "Mystery Science Theater 3000" fans.

Kennedy/Comedy Central



Fox weighed in with a critically acclaimed hour-long drama about five young people trying to move on with their lives after the sudden death of their parents on "Party of Five."

Jonathan Silverman negotiated the hazards of New York City's single life in "The Single Guy."



Silverman/ABC

Tim Allen continued to bring his unique slant on masculinity to his role as father, husband, and host of "Tool Time" on ABC's "Home Improvement."

The fast-paced intrigue of "ER" made it the No. 1 show in America's homes.



Student Soapbox

"I never judge a friend by appearance, sex, race or age. Attributes I value in my friends are honesty and dedication."

Esther Williams - Vancouver, Wash.



Music

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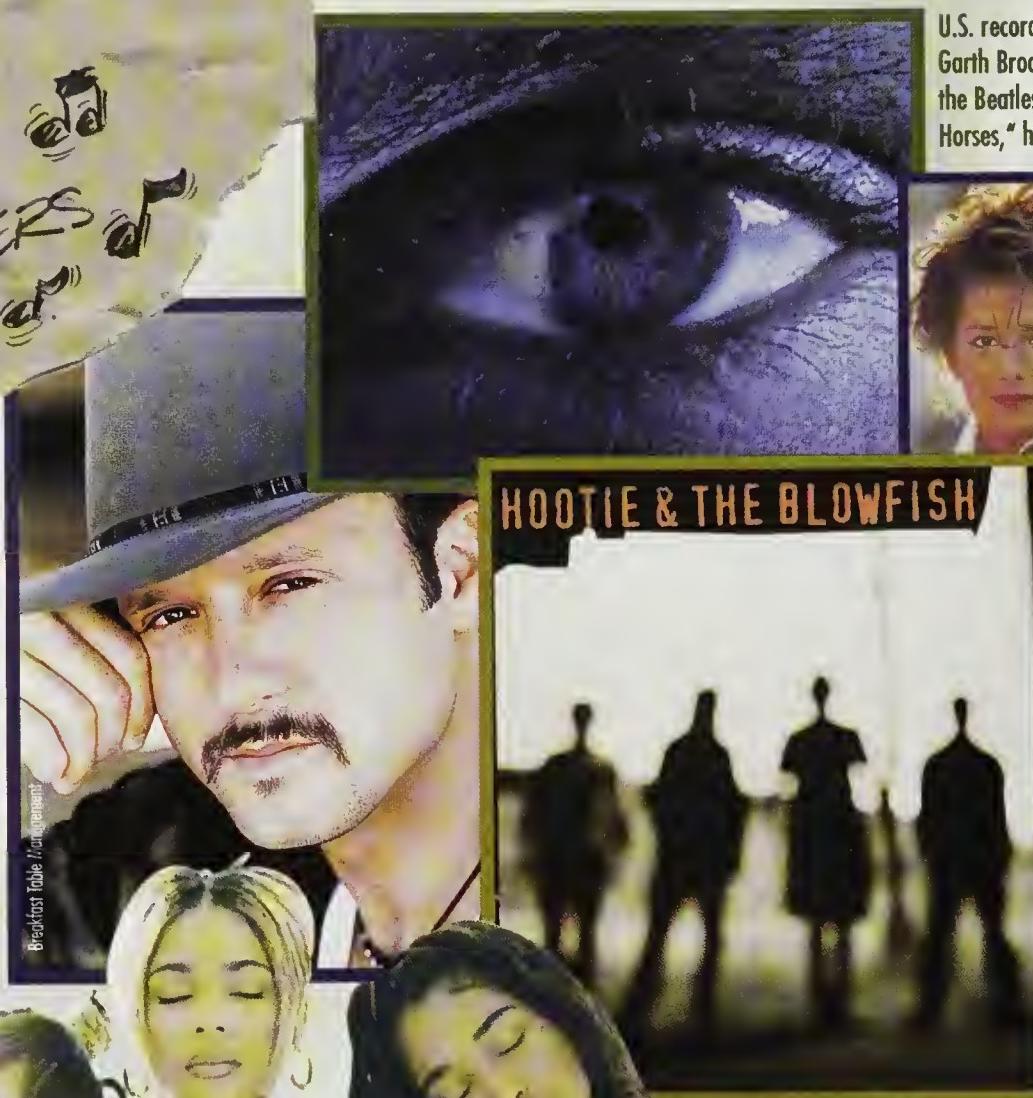
Country music newcomer Tim McGraw turned out the No. 6 best-selling country album with "All I Want."

Hottest Hits*

1. "Cracked Rear View," Hootie & the Blowfish
2. "The Hits," Garth Brooks
3. "II," Boyz II Men
4. "Hell Freezes Over," Eagles
5. "Crazysexycool," TLC

* Billboard

TLC was rhythm and blues' most talked about act of the year with "Waterfalls."



U.S. record sales for country megastar Garth Brooks surpassed all artists except the Beatles following the release of "Fresh Horses," his first studio album in two years.

Derek

Shania Twain first hit the charts with "Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under," and went on to release the blockbuster, 3 million-seller album "The Woman in Me."

Hootie & The Blowfish were named the year's top adult contemporary artists for their debut album "Cracked Rear View," which sold 11 million copies and spun off a string of singles and video hits.



Coolio and L.V. collaborated on the year's top single, "Gangsta's Paradise," from the "Dangerous Minds" soundtrack.

All two hours and 28 songs of The Smashing Pumpkins double album "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness" soared to No. 1 on the charts.

La Chapelle/Virgin

It debuted at No. 1 after a \$30 million promotional push, but Michael Jackson's "HIStory" fell short of expectations when sales dropped sharply after the initial robust showing.



The Eagles surprised veteran rockers with the success of "Hell Freezes Over."



Contemporary Christian performer Amy Grant's album "House of Love" sold 2 million copies.

Soul dynamo Kenneth "Babyface" Emonds created a soothing mix of love songs performed by TLC, Whitney Houston, and teen star Brandy in the best-selling soundtrack of "Waiting to Exhale."



Student Soapbox

"I listen to all different kinds of music because it makes me a more diverse person and enables me to relate to more people."

Brooke Hutson - Cuba, Mo.

The Dallas Cowboys, pro football's team of the '90s, won their third Super Bowl in four years with a victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XXX.

Dallas Cowboys

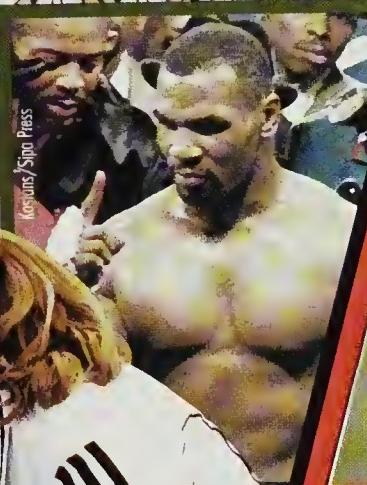
Dazzling Pete Sampras was an American hero at home and abroad, winning tennis' Triple Crown with victories in Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Davis Cup.

The never-say-die Atlanta Braves finally won a World Series title when they defeated the American League Champion Cleveland Indians in the October classic.

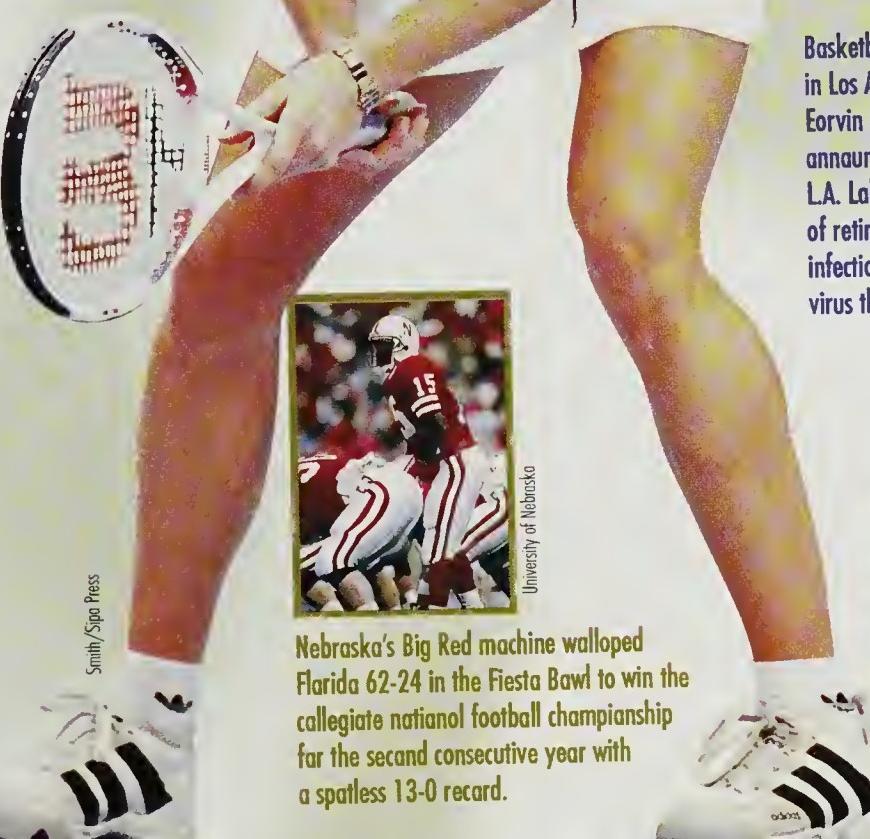


Atlanta Braves

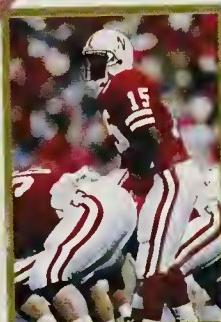
Amid haws of protest, controversial heavyweight boxing champ Mike Tyson returned to the ring after serving prison time for rope, knocking out challenger Peter McNeeley in a mere 89 seconds.



In spite of family problems and nagging injuries, Steffi Graf maintained her top ranking in women's tennis with victories in Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the French Open.



Smith/Sipa Press



University of Nebraska

Nebraska's Big Red machine walloped Florida 62-24 in the Fiesta Bowl to win the collegiate national football championship for the second consecutive year with a spotless 13-0 record.

Sports

ENERGY BOOSTERS

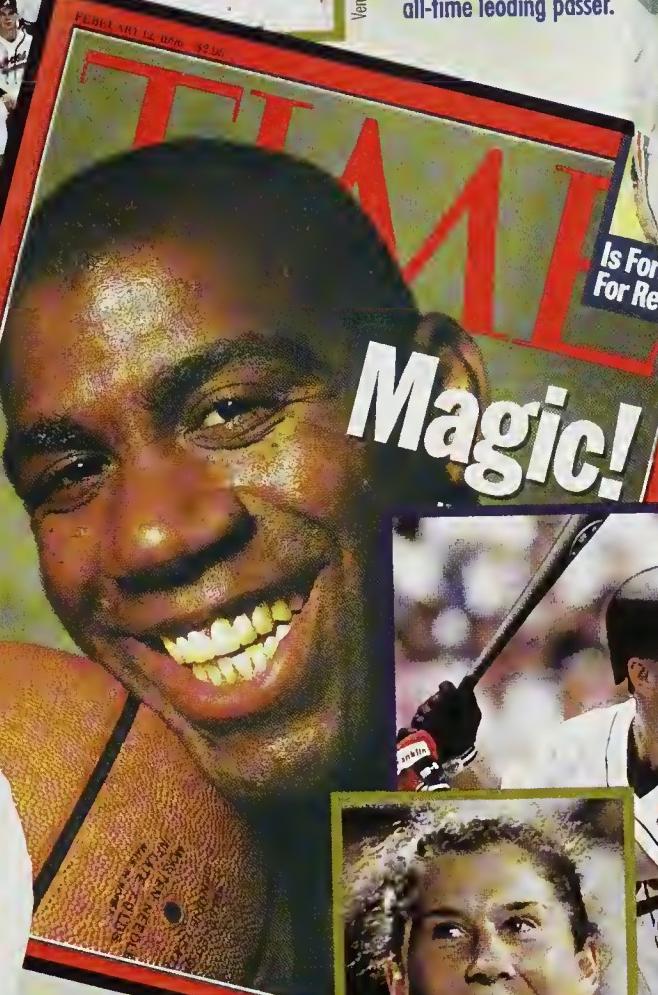


Venturo/Sipa Press

Future Hall of Fame quarterback Don Marin of the Miami Dolphins surpassed Fran Tarkenton as the NFL's all-time leading passer.



Spinelli/NFL



Basketball magic came alive in Los Angeles when Earvin (Magic) Johnson announced his return to the L.A. Lakers after four years of retirement because of his infection with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.



Manley/Sipa Press

Tennis great Steffi Graf made a breathtaking comeback to the court following her recovery from a stab wound inflicted by a deranged spectator two-and-a-half years ago.

Cal Ripken Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's 56-year-old record when he played in his 2,131 consecutive game Sept. 6.



Wachter/Baltimore Orioles

Student Soapbox

"I like to be around positive people. A good self-esteem and a good attitude are important to me."

Michael Turner
Madison, Tenn.

Champions

Baseball/World Series: Atlanta Braves
Football/Superbowl: Dallas Cowboys
Football/Fiesta Bowl: Nebraska Cornhuskers
Frisbee/World: Harvey Brandt, Phoenix
Golf/Masters: Ben Crenshaw
Tennis/U.S. Open—Singles:
Pete Sampras, Steffi Graf

News

HEADLINE GRABBERS



Twenty-year-old Shannon Fulkner won a two-year court battle for admission to The Citadel, an all-male military academy, only to leave after the first grueling week because of exhaustion. She was joined by 30 male cadets, who dropped out for the same reason.



Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grody earned the admiration of the nation for surviving six brutal days in a Bosnian forest after being shot down by Serbian gunfire.



Americans were left deeply divided by the acquittal of O.J. Simpson, whose eight-month-long, televised murder trial riveted the nation's attention and made celebrities of both legal teams.



President Bill Clinton and Congressional Republican leaders Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich failed to reach a compromise on the 1996 federal budget, resulting in an unprecedented shutdown of government operations.

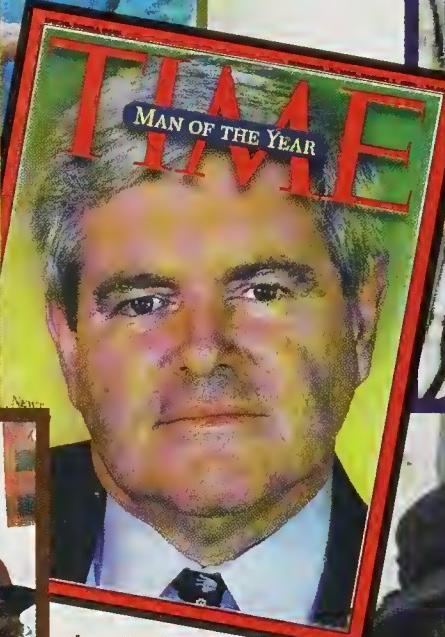


Merger mania reached a peak when Time-Warner and Turner Broadcasting joined forces, creating the world's largest media company.

Swanson/Sipa Press

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Rickerby/Sipa Press



Superhuman determination characterized the ongoing recovery of actor Christopher Reeve, who was left almost totally paralyzed following a freak horseback riding accident.



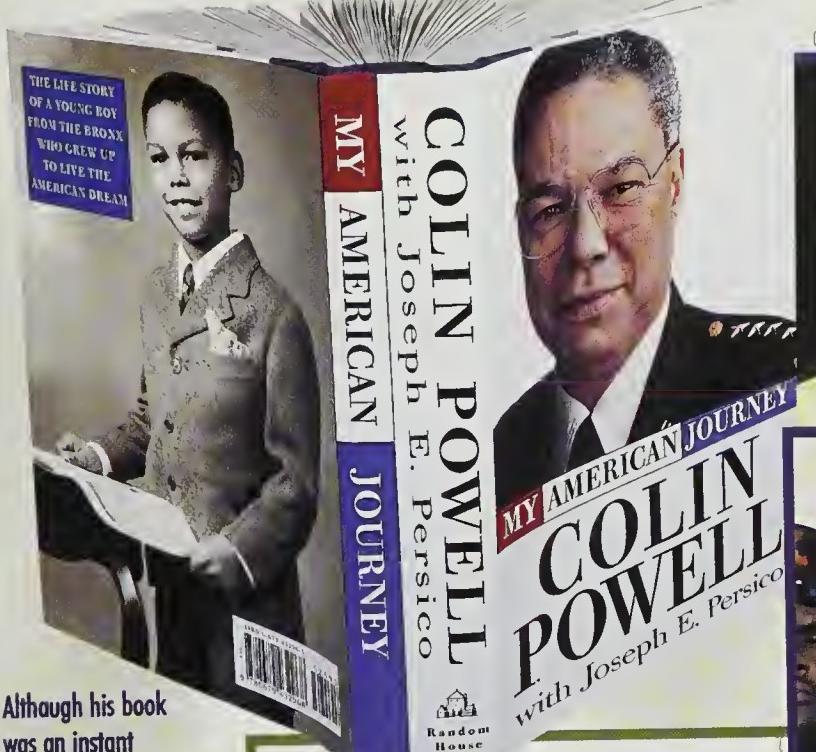
The gritty House Speaker from Georgia, Rep. Newt Gingrich, was named Time magazine's Man of the Year for his role in leading the Republican Revolution.



Neville/Villard/Sipa Press

Close to a dozen Republican presidential hopefuls, including front-runners Patrick Buchanan, Bob Dole, Lamar Alexander and Steve Forbes, tossed their hats in the ring as the 1996 presidential campaign opened in earnest.

Those who said it wouldn't last were right. Lisa Marie Presley and pop superstar Michael Jackson called it quits after a brief and intriguing marriage.



Although his book was an instant best-seller, Colin Powell disappointed many Americans when he decided not to run for the presidency.



Unusually turbulent weather spawned a record 111 hurricanes in the western hemisphere, leaving 110 people dead and billions of dollars in property damage.



"55" took a dive as Congress abolished the national speed limit and gave states the right to set their own limits—or do away with them altogether, as several Western states did.

Hillary Rodham Clinton became the first First Lady to face a grand jury when she was subpoenaed to testify in the Whitewater affair. The testimony capped a year of high visibility for Mrs. Clinton, who also addressed delegates to the U.N. Conference on Women in Beijing, China.



Student Soapbox

"My teen years are different from my parents' because they had more freedom and more opportunities in the career world."

Dana Lewis - Madison Heights, Va.

Golazko/Sipa Press

Still vigorous at age 75, Pope John Paul II stopped in the United States on his world tour. 83,000 faithful stood in the rain for his Mass at Giants Stadium in New York City.



Jimenez/Sipa Press

Mother Nature clobbered the eastern United States with 30 hours of nonstop snow, piling up two feet of the white stuff from North Carolina to Maine. It was the East Coast's worst snow storm in 50 years.

Say what?

'rents = parents

a bomb = something cool

Herb = a not-happenin' dude with a zero social life

Punk = a Herb with good grades

That's not how I roll. = I'm not interested.

Talk to the hand. = I'm not listening.

He's a Baldwin. = He's a hunk.

She's a Betty. = She's cute.

Don't go there. = Don't do/say that

Nearly four years of civil war in Bosnia ended with the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords and the dispatch of a multinational peacekeeping force to the war-weary eastern European nation.



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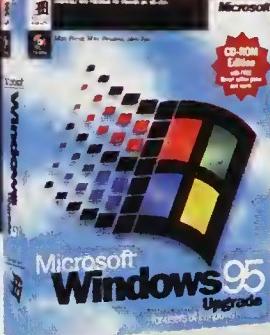
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Starbucks Coffee Company

BILL GATES

THE
ROAD
AHEAD

The road to the future is paved with microchips! says computer guru and billionaire Bill Gates in "The Road Ahead," his much-anticipated map to the techno-future.



Microsoft Corp. launched its new operating system, Windows 95, selling 16 million copies in four months, thanks to a 23-city promotional tour.



Java joints like this Starbucks Coffee shop sprang up on every urban corner as '96 spawned the coffee craze.

Microsoft Corp.



America's obsession with the Internet grew as the number of home pages—and users—proliferated on the World Wide Web.



Christensen/Sipo Press

Oprah Winfrey, celebrating 10 years as America's most-loved talk show host, avoided trash-TV topics and outrageous audience participation, unlike her daytime competitors, including Jenny Jones and Ricki Lake.



Student Soapbox

"Trust and companionship are important attributes in my friends. Because if you can't trust a friend, are they really a friend? And companionship is essential for a good relationship."

Jashua Switzer - Lakeside, Calif.

Fashion ads for Calvin Klein jeans and The Gap featured next-door-neighbor types sporting casual body language and carefree, comfortable cottons.



Deaths

Above clockwise from left:

Jerry Garcia, 53, leader of the Grateful Dead
Sergei Grinkov, 28, champion Russian figure skater
Eva Gabor, 74, actress
Gene Kelly, 83, entertainer
Yitzhak Rabin, 73, Prime Minister of Israel

Not pictured:

Walfman Jack, 57, rock 'n' roll disc jockey
Barbara Jordan, 56, constitutional scholar and former congresswoman from Texas

Butterfly McQueen, 84, actress

Mickey Mantle, 64, Hall of Fame baseball player

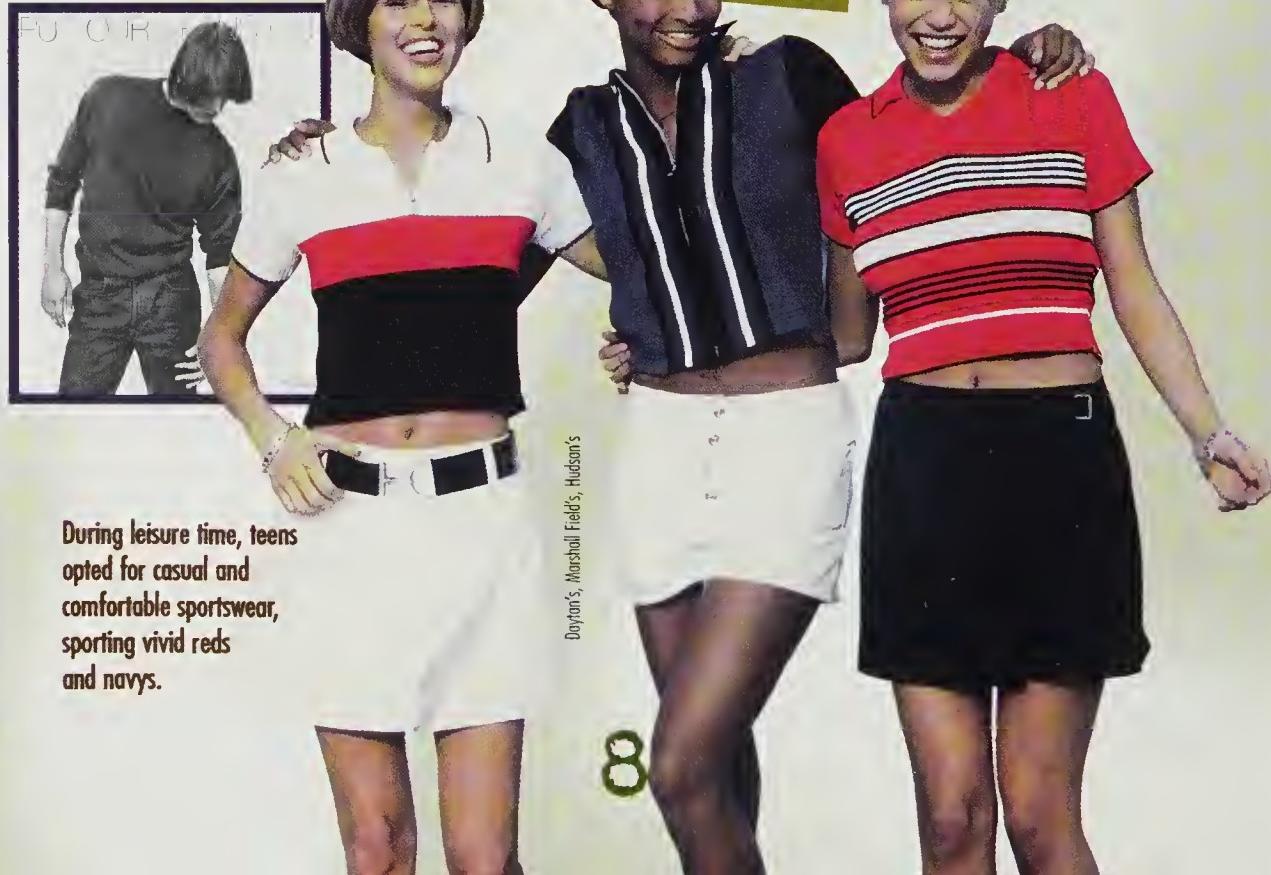
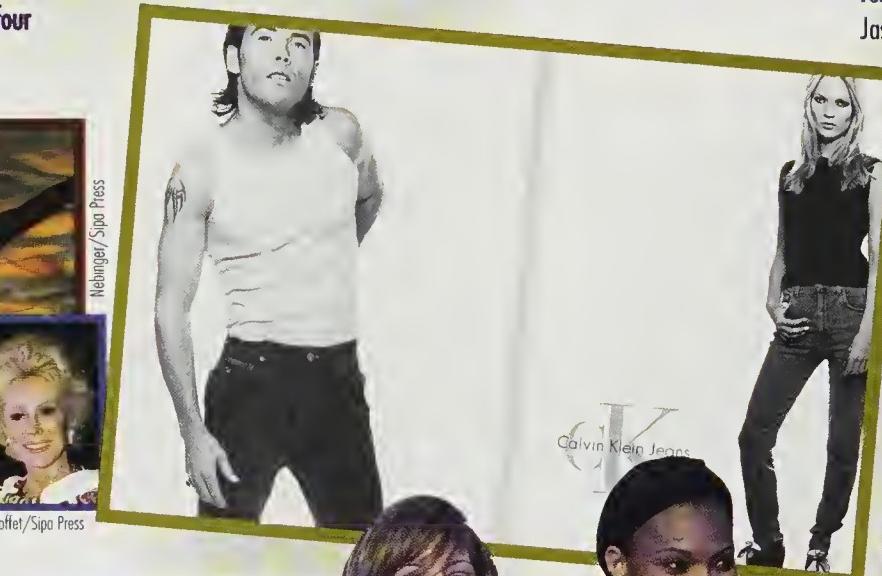
Dean Martin, 78, entertainer

Audrey Meadows, 69, actress

Orville Redenbacher, 88, popcorn king

Right

George Burns, 100, entertainer



During leisure time, teens opted for casual and comfortable sportswear, sporting vivid reds and navys.

Boyton's, Marshall Field's, Hudson's





